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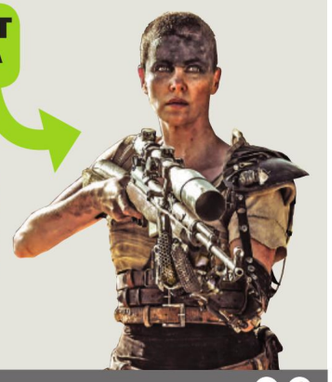

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Actor invited to our 'bland' city

ARCHITECTURE

Toronto official wants to show Mad Men star we are dynamic

Luke Simcoe
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Toronto's chief planner is inviting Mad Men star Jared Harris on a tour of the city after he publicly dissed Toronto's architecture.

Harris, known for his role as Lane Pryce on the AMC series, was speaking at an event in New York in support of an East Village eatery on the verge of closure. He said losing small businesses like the deli would rob the Big Apple of its local character, according to a report in Gothamist.

And then, he said, "You just end up with Toronto."

Despite being a place where "everything looks the same," Toronto is a "fantastic city," Harris was quoted as saying.

Jared Harris
GETTY IMAGES

The praise isn't enough to outweigh the ridicule for some.

"It's completely unfair to say the city of Toronto is all the same," chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat said. "We need to give him a tour of the city.

"I can take him to a lot of really interesting and dynamic places."

Any city that's growing quickly can risk becoming homogenous, Keesmaat said, insisting Toronto has maintained "the distinct identities" of its neighbourhoods. As an example, she pointed to the intersection of King and Spadina, where condo developments have integrated heritage buildings into their design.

Roland Rom Colthoff, director of RAW Design, also takes issue with Harris' comments.

"The Beach does not look like the Junction does not look like downtown does not look like Bloor and Yonge," he said.

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Soldier objects to being pictured next to sex-misconduct story. **Canada**

UBER TAXI DRIVERS PROTEST More than 100 Toronto taxi drivers abandoned their cabs and gathered in front of City Hall Thursday, to protest what they are calling unfair practices by the ride-sharing company Uber. Much of the frustration was directed toward Mayor John Tory, who protesters decried for his support of a company whose drivers are currently not paying the city fees for licenses to operate. ELIZABETH BEDDALL/METRO

VERBAL ATTACKS

Police won't charge banned fans

Toronto police have decided not to lay charges after CityNews reporter Shauna Hunt was targeted with vulgar verbal attacks on air after a Toronto FC soccer game.

"Our detectives have met with Ms. Hunt and our legal advice was that, in this case, charges were not appropriate," Toronto police spokesperson Meaghan Gray said Wednesday afternoon.

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment declined to comment on Thursday on their own internal investigation into the incident, which took place on Mother's Day outside BMO Field.

Hunt's broadcast on Sunday was interrupted more than once with the same crude phrase.

On Wednesday, MLSE announced it had banned two Toronto FC fans from all MLSE facilities for at least a year after the incident.

Hydro One, which employed one of the men banned, Shawn Simoes, decided to terminate him. Another man identified as Ryan Hart will be banned indefinitely.

In the United States, there is one instance of the police intervening in a similar situation.

An 18-year-old Pennsylvania man was fined $300 plus court costs in January after shouting an expletive into a TV reporter's microphone as she was on the air. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mould secret at Chelsea Hotel

INVESTIGATION

Information not disclosed to guests, staff

Canada's largest hotel — the Chelsea Hotel Toronto — discovered mould in hundreds of rooms across more than a dozen floors during renovations, but did not disclose this to employees or guests, a Star investigation has found.

The hotel says all the mould has been safely removed and the renovations are set to wrap up May 31. Contractors for the hotel began removing the mould late last year when it was found at the beginning of renovations to 722 bedrooms in the top 16 floors of the hotel's north tower on Gerrard St., just east of Yonge St.

After the Star met with hotel management to discuss the discovery, Ron Pellerine, the Chelsea's general manager, sent a letter to employees stating that it had received "some inquiries regarding our renovation and questions regarding mould."

The Star has learned that on May 7, the hotel called an unexpected meeting of the joint health and safety committee, which includes representatives from management and employees, to inform staff of the Star's inquiries. A summary of the meeting posted at the hotel and seen by the Star shows that management told the committee it had a "highly reputable company" remove the mould from the building in a safe manner, following all health and safety guidelines."

In an earlier interview with the Star, Pellerine said there was "no need or requirement" to tell staff because all the floors were sealed off during renovations

The Star obtained photos taken in September 2014 — when guests were still staying in the rooms — by the architectural consultant for the project, WGD Architects Inc. The photos appear to show mould under bedroom window sills, in corners, behind toilets and wallpaper, and on ceilings in dozens of rooms.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act, provincial legislation that sets out the responsibilities of employers and employees, requires employers to "acquaint" workers or those with authority over workers about any hazard in the workplace and "take every precaution reasonable" to protect workers.

> **"I'm very surprised because they should report it to us . . . and they didn't**
> Chelsea Hotel employee

The act is enforced through workplace visits by labour-ministry inspectors who have the power to issue compliance orders to employers. Failure to follow these orders can result in convictions that carry a maximum fine of $25,000 or imprisonment for up to 12 months for individuals, and $500,000 per charge for corporations. The ministry says it visited the hotel on April 23 and ordered it to provide a "designated substance report" to determine whether any mould is present.

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A photo taken in room 1712 of the Eaton Chelsea hotel's north tower in September appears to show mould under a window sill. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/CONTRIBUTED

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VICTORIA DAY FIREWORKS SHOP EXPECTS EXPLOSIVE SALES Alex Siroishka, manager of the Danforth location of firework shop Kaboom, is bracing for an explosion of customers this Victoria Day weekend as party prep gets underway. He points to the La Grand Finale ($64.99) and the Symphony of Colours ($49.99) kits as his current bestsellers and suggests the Danger Zone package ($19.99) for the first-time fireworker. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

City poised to lead in growth: Report

ECONOMY

T.O.'s gains expected to offset oil shock elsewhere

Toronto's economic growth will top that of its Canadian peers for the first time this century, thanks to a weaker Canadian dollar and a strengthening U.S. economy, a new report says.

The city's economy grew at its fastest pace in four years in 2014 and is predicted to expand again by 3.1 per cent this year, according to The Conference Board of Canada's Metropolitan Outlook: Spring 2015 report.

"For the first time since 1999, Toronto will boast the fastest-growing metropolitan economy this year among the 13 cities covered in this edition of our report," said Alan Arcand, associate director of the Centre for Municipal Studies.

Toronto's growth was boosted by gains in the manufacturing, transportation, warehousing and retail trade services — sectors that are expected to improve again in 2015, Arcand said.

2.8%

Toronto's manufacturing output is poised to grow by 2.8 per cent this year.

Renewed strength in the global economy, low interest rates, falling oil prices and a weaker loonie have helped increase demand for products manufactured in Toronto.

The construction sector, which has seen declines in the past two years, is also expected to expand 3.8 per cent in 2015 due to rising housing starts and the growth of downtown condominiums. Meanwhile, consumer spending in Ontario is also predicted to climb with a return to positive employment growth and the upcoming Pan Am Games lifting the province's tourism activity.

Nationally, however, the outlook is far from bright. Plummeting oil prices are hitting Canada's economy hard, with the impact in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador resulting in another year of unimpressive economic growth nationwide. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FILM FESTIVAL

Great villains show up at Christie Pitts

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

The Christie Pitts Film Festival is celebrating cinema's great villains with a screening of Nosferatu, accompanied by a Toronto band playing a live, original score.

The film festival is kicking off its fifth summer of screening free movies outdoors in Christie Pitts Park on July 5 with a special night called A Toronto Symphony of Horror. This year's theme is Great Villains, and the creepy long-nailed vampire from the 1922 German silent horror movie fits the bill. "We thought it would be an incredible experience for our audience to see it with a live score," said festival director Emily Reid.

Organizers approached several Toronto bands and chose Del Bel, which has been composing for months an original score to accompany the film.

Typically, a movie shown to a live score is an expensive affair, said Reid, but the organizers wanted to bring it to their audience at the cost of a pay-what-you-can donation at the park.

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EDUCATION

TDSB integrity chief to oversee trustees

After years of bad behaviour, squabbling and animosity, Toronto's public board will be the first in the province to hire an integrity commissioner to oversee trustee conduct.

"We are very excited to set the board on this positive path, to have an independent office of the integrity commissioner to make sure that all conduct by trustees is ethical and held to the highest standards of transparency and accountability," said Shaun Chen, chair of the Toronto District School Board.

On Wednesday night, trustees approved a plan, with former city integrity commissioner Janet Leiper acting as an adviser to get the office up and running by this fall.

The board has not yet determined a budget, but is hoping to hire someone paid on a case-by-case basis.

A board-issued statement said "it is anticipated that the remuneration for the integrity commissioner position will be in line with the market rates currently paid by municipalities for part-time, fee-for-service integrity commissioners."

Leiper "will be working over the next month to develop the structure" of the office, as well as determine exactly what kinds of issues a commissioner could deal with at a school board, added Chen. "This is something that this board has strongly supported."

"This is really a way for us to put our feet down and say enough is enough — we need to improve the structures in our board, and put into place offices that will help us maintain a very high level of integrity," said Chen.

Trustee and vice-chair Sheila Cary-Meagher has pushed for an integrity commissioner for more than a year, after a number of code-of-conduct complaints were levelled against trustees.

The previous board was rife with scandal, leading to charges against one former trustee for confining and criminally harassing the director of education.

Another outburst prompted the director and senior staff to write a letter urging trustees to put an end to the bullying and intimidation of employees.

An independent investigation by noted employment lawyer Janice Rubin — who oversaw the investigation into Jian Ghomeshi at the CBC — found one former trustee had harassed two senior administrators by touching one inappropriately and making a sexually suggestive comment to the other.

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Shaun Chen

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

Accused man faces 38 new charges: Police

Police say a 59-year-old man already charged with numerous counts in a violent assault on a woman in February is facing 38 additional charges.

York Regional Police say the new charges arise from their investigation into the online activity of a man accused of following a Richmond Hill, Ont., woman and attempting to force his way into her apartment.

Police say that the accused posted various job ads online between January and February looking for women to work as models or secretaries, allegedly intending to lure women to meet him in west-end Toronto.

In addition, police allege the accused was in possession of child pornography and he's also charged in a January 2015 assault on a female store employee in Toronto (Bloor Street West area).

Police say the investigation is ongoing and are asking anyone who had contact with the accused online or who has information relating to the case come forward.

Antonio Ricciardi of Richmond Hill is to appear in court on Friday in Newmarket, Ont., facing charges that include forcible confinement, assault with a weapon, attempted kidnapping, and criminal harassment.

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A non-articulated bus with a bike on a rack at Finch station on Thursday. The TTC has announced that there will be a limit of one bicycle on storage racks at the front of the commission's newer buses. The Ministry of Labour cited concerns over their storage on articulated buses, where multiple bikes obscured drivers' sight lines because those buses are lower to the ground.

ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TTC limits bike rack storage on new fleet

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Commission's 200 new buses will allow one racked bicycle

The TTC is limiting the use of bike racks on some of its buses.

All buses will still accept at least one bike on each rack and most will still allow two. But the 153 bendy buses and about 50 new 40-foot Nova buses arriving later this year will only take one bike on the rack at the front of the vehicle.

Those buses still comprise only a minority of the TTC's 1,800-vehicle fleet, said spokesman Brad Ross.

They are the models where the driver sits a little lower relative to the bike rack and the bike at the front of the rack can impede the operator's sight line, creating a safety issue.

The Ministry of Labour last year ordered the TTC to review driver sight lines in relation to the bike racks.

"We did an assessment on ergonomics and worked to try and find a solution — we looked for an engineered solution with respect to the rack and the bus itself and were unable to come up with one. So the limit to one bike on that (part of the fleet) was the solution," said Ross.

203

While most of the TTC's fleet will still allow for storage of multiple bicycles, 203 of the commission's new buses — 153 bendy buses and 50 Novas — will only permit one.

If a second cyclist wants to ride one of those buses, the driver can allow the bike on board during off-peak periods as long as there's room, he said.

Drivers can also require cyclists to remove baskets or child seats from their bikes if the rider is using the rack.

The ministry order only applies to the TTC because it was one of the Toronto system's drivers who launched a complaint. Most buses in the Toronto region have bike racks.

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TEACHER STRIKES

Labour action cancels standardized tests

Standardized tests have been cancelled — for now — for almost 200,000 students across the province whose schools have been hit by work-to-rule labour action or strikes.

For the first time in the almost 20-year history of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), the province's testing body warned that unless there's labour peace with teachers, tests won't go ahead in those boards.

"For parents, I think they'll be deprived of good, valuable, objective information about how their son or daughter is doing" in the assessments given to students in Grades 3, 6 and 9, said Bruce Rodrigues, head of the EQAO.

Without data from more than two-thirds of the province's elementary students, "it will affect our cohort tracking, for sure" and would impact the overall "reliability and validity of statistics, provincially."

> **"We remain optimistic that we'll see some kind of concession."**
>
> Bruce Rodrigues

Across the province, elementary teachers in English public boards have launched work-to-rule action, meaning they won't prepare students for or administer the tests, held between May 25 and June 5.

They teach 183,000 Grade 3 and 6 students out of the total 269,000 scheduled to take reading, writing and math tests.

Education Minister Liz Sandals said she is "concerned" with the elementary teachers' job action, calling the testing "an important assessment for students, parents, educators, and the public as we work to close the student achievement gap in Ontario."

Teacher unions, which have long argued for the EQAO to be scaled back or even eliminated, argue teachers' own assessments are more valuable learning tools.

"The cancellation of the Grade 3 to 6 tests in public elementary schools this year will provide the government, school boards and parents with the opportunity to see how students focus on their learning without the distraction of the EQAO tests," said Sam Hammond, president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario.

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Eyes peeled for injured goose

BLUFFERS PARK

Fears bird has been shot with arrow like one in Burlington

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is asking Bluffers Park visitors to keep an eye out for an injured goose on the loose.

The bird, which appears to have been shot by an arrow, was spotted on Tuesday. Staff from TWC went to the park, but didn't find the goose.

"It's a terrible thing to happen to an animal," said TWC director Nathalie Karvonen. "If a bird like that is spotted, please contact us immediately."

The Bluffers bird is at least the second goose to have been hit with an arrow in the region in the past month. A goose with an arrow lodged in its body was found in Burlington in April.

"Amazingly, the arrow went through a good place on the bird's body. If it had been an inch in either direction, it would have killed the bird," Karvonen said.

The injured goose was taken to TWC for surgery and is recovering well, she added.

Anyone who sees an animal in distress is asked to contact the wildlife centre's hotline at 416-631-0662.

A Canada goose in Burlington was taken to the Toronto Wildlife Centre in April after being shot by an arrow. The bird survived and is recovering. TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE

An X-ray showing the arrow embedded in the goose that was shot in Burlington TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE

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New style cabs get GO ahead

GO Transit is updating some of its trains this summer thanks to new style cab cars being delivered from Bombardier's Thunder Bay plant.

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The cab cars also feature new toilets, doors, LED lighting and other energy efficient features. When the $200 million order for 60 new coaches was announced three years ago, it was also supposed to include Wi-Fi, but that hasn't materialized.

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metro's guide to

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BREWER'S BACKYARD Sample local craft beer and food at a pop-up beer garden in one of the city's most scenic locales. Noon to 5 p.m. Evergreen Brick Works (550 Bayview Ave.) See brewersbackyard.com.

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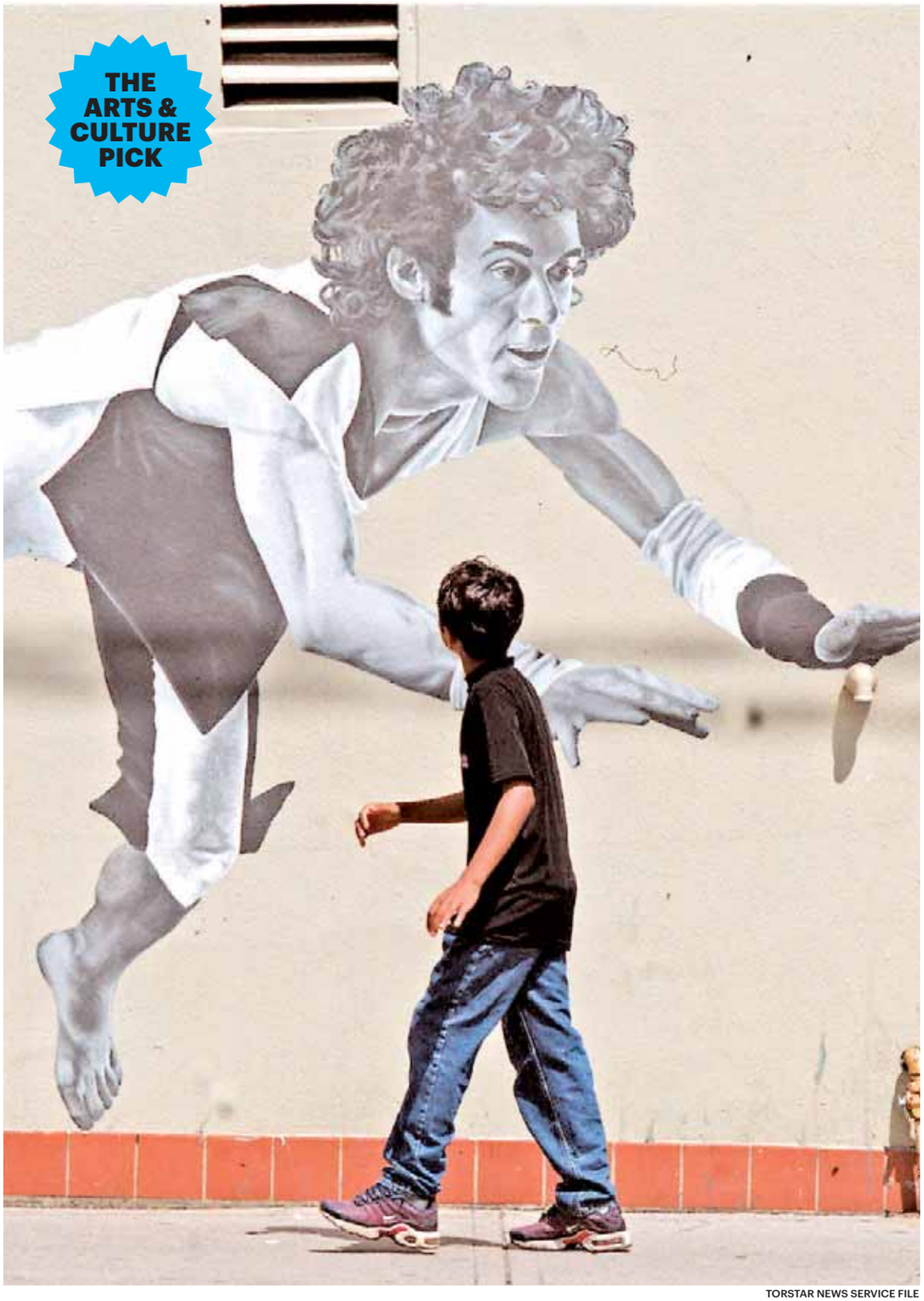

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ROMWALK Explore the streets and history of Cabbagetown North. Sunday, 2 p.m. Parliament and Winchester. See rom.on.ca.

Family Friendly

Homelands
— Saturday
— 1 p.m.
— Richview Library (1806 Islington Ave.)
— Music and dance from Indonesia and Cambodia

International Circus Festival
— Saturday, Sunday, Monday
— 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
— Harbourfront Centre (235 Queens Quay W.)
— Unicyclists, fire-eaters, stilt walkers, balloon sculptors, crazy clowns and more; see tocircusfestival.com.

Pirate Life
— Saturday
— Centre Island
— Join the tall ship Island Rogue's crew and live like a pirate for the day; see piratelife.ca.

The Woofjocks
— Saturday
— 3:30 p.m.
— PawsWay (245 Queens Quay W.)
— A team of Ontario professional dog trainers and their dogs will offer a 30-minute show.

Montgomery's Inn
— Monday
— 1 to 4 p.m.
— 4709 Dundas St. W.
— Admission to the city's historic inn will include an afternoon tea and a tour

Arts and Culture

Bellwoods Flea
— Saturday
— 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
— 824 Dundas St. W. and 831 Dundas St. W.
— Flea market for handmade art, fashion and vintage goods; see bellwoodsflea.com.

An evening with David Sedaris
— Saturday
— 8:00 p.m.
— Sony Centre for Performing Arts (1 Front St.)
— Satirist David Sedaris reads from his latest book, Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls.

Dazed and Confused
— Sunday
— 9:30 p.m.
— Bloor Hot Docs Cinema (506 Bloor St. W.)
— Screening of the celluloid party classic, complete with a DJ playing Kiss, Skynyrd

Fiddles at the Fort! World Fiddle Day
— Saturday
— 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
— Fort York National Historic Site
— Workshops, concerts and a community jam for fiddlers; see worldfiddledaytoronto.ca.

Party

Electric Island
— Monday
— 1 p.m.
— Hanlan's Point, Toronto Island
— Electronic music festival featuring Steve Lawler and Pan-Pot; see electricisland.to.

Fireworks
— Monday
— 10 p.m.
— Ashbridges Bay (1675 Lake Shore Blvd. E.)
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Best of the West Food & Cultural Tour
— Saturday
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— Bathurst and Dundas W.
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Outdoors

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Hit the trail
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CALGARY

Man charged after hurling obscenities

Calgary police have charged a man with hurling vulgarities at a female journalist while, ironically, covering the bad behaviour of hockey fans.

The man, who has not been named, faces a charge of stunting under the Traffic Safety Act.

CBC reporter Meghan Grant says she had been reporting along the Red Mile, a strip of bars and restaurants popular with Calgary Flames fans, the morning after a playoff game.

She was working on a story about poor fan behaviour, including the use of a sexually explicit phrase that has become a trend targeting female reporters in cities across North America. Then, she says, she heard the line herself.

"All of a sudden somebody pulls up in a truck behind us and yells it at us, which was absolutely stunning given what we were there talking about," Grant says. "We swung around only in time to see the truck driving away, but we did get the licence plate."

All of a sudden somebody pulls up in a truck behind us and yells it at us.
CBC reporter Meghan Grant

She says police tracked down the alleged heckler and told her Thursday that the man had been charged.

Police spokeswoman Emma Poole says police have received several complaints about similar harassment. She believes it's the first time officers have laid a charge in such a case.

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INFRASTRUCTURE MR. HOCKEY GETS A BRIDGE Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, left, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Murray Howe, Gordie Howe's son, announced Thursday that the Detroit River International Crossing, connecting Detroit with Windsor, Ont., will be named the Gordie Howe International Bridge. The 87-year-old Howe, known as "Mr. Hockey," was born in Floral, Sask., and led the Detroit Red Wings to four Stanley Cup championships. PHOTO: DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS; TEXT: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GUN REGISTRY

Rewriting law sets 'perilous precedent'

An unprecedented Conservative bid to rewrite the law in order to retroactively erase the RCMP's mishandling of gun registry records sets the table for legislated, after-the-fact coverups of far more serious crimes, Canada's information commissioner declared Thursday.

In a new report tabled in Parliament, Suzanne Legault concluded that the practice establishes a "perilous precedent" of rewriting laws — one that could jeopardize the ability of authorities to prosecute electoral fraud or other government scandals.

Legault recommended two months ago that charges be laid against the RCMP for its role in withholding and destroying gun registry data. But instead of Justice Minister Peter MacKay moving on the recommendation to lay charges, the Harper government rewrote the law, backdated the changes and buried the amendment in an omnibus budget bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Information commissioner Suzanne Legault
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Khadr gets new win with SCOC ruling

Court rejects attempt to declare him an adult offender

The Supreme Court of Canada wasted no time Thursday as it summarily rejected the federal government's bid to have former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr declared an adult offender.

The case centred on whether the eight-year war-crimes sentence he got from a U.S. military commission in 2010 ought to be interpreted as a youth or adult sentence.

The federal government has argued the latter, saying Khadr actually received five concurrent eight-year terms for each of his five war crimes — a conclusion the nine justices rejected in a rare decision from the bench.

"The sentence is under the minimum for an adult sentence," Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin told the court after about 30 minutes of deliberations that followed the end of the hearing.

"We are of the view that a proper interpretation of the relevant legislation does not permit Mr. Khadr's eight-year sentence to be treated as five distinct eight-year sentences to be served concurrently."

Dennis Edney, one of Khadr's the lawyers, said the swiftness of the ruling was a message to the Harper government for wasting taxpayer money on "persecuting my client."

After almost 13 years in custody, Khadr was released on bail last week while he appeals his U.S. conviction, which has drawn fierce criticism from legal and human rights experts.

Khadr was 15 when he threw the grenade that killed U.S. Sgt. Christopher Speer during a firefight in Afghanistan in July 2002.

Several members of the panel challenged Department of Justice lawyer Sharlene Telles-Langdon during her 50-minute oral argument before a packed courtroom.

We can't slice and dice the eight years.
Justice Marshall Rothstein

Justice Rosalie Abella asked Telles-Langdon whether she considers eight years to be a youth sentence. Yes, the lawyer replied.

"Then, isn't that the end of the story?" Abella said.

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CSIS

Spy agency warns of 'extremist' threat to oil, gas development

Canada's spies are warning the federal government about an "extremist" threat to natural resource development, internal documents show.

"Extremists" have united both in person and online in their opposition to Canadian natural resource projects, according to a September 2014 "threat overview" prepared by CSIS for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney.

The heavily censored document does not outline specific threats or projects, nor does it single out particular groups. But it lists the threat between sections on terrorist travellers and a growing anti-Muslim movement advocating violence in Canada.

The CSIS report, obtained under Access to Information law, mirrors strong language in a January 2014 report from the RCMP warning of an "anti-Canadian petroleum movement."

The report, obtained by Greenpeace, said that movement is well-financed and organized, and includes "peaceful activists, militants, and violent extremists."

The RCMP specifically referred to 2013 shale gas protests in New Brunswick, where protesters from the Elsipogtog First Nation clashed with police.

Canada's spies and police have monitored all manner of protests even if those demonstrations remained peaceful.

Meanwhile, activists have expressed concerns that expanded powers for CSIS, contained within the government's anti-terror legislation, Bill C-51, will mean increased monitoring and "disruption" of environmental and First Nations protests.

Craig Forcese, who specializes in national security law and has been a vocal critic of Bill C-51, says violent protests may fall under CSIS's purview. The question for Forcese, however, is how many people fall under CSIS's definition of extremist.

"It's not improper, it seems to me, to be concerned about someone who might be preparing a pipe bomb, or might be involved in the sabotage of a pipeline," Forcese said in an interview.

"The question is how broad the brush stroke is, and that's really difficult to answer."

Because of the way (the government is) so carelessly using language, or purposefully using language to be very broad and apply to everyone, that's where the danger lies. NDP environment critic Megan Leslie

Torstar News Service requested an interview with Blaney's office, and included specific questions about how the government defines "extremist" activity and what natural resource projects have been threatened by extremists.

"The safety and security of Canadians is of the utmost importance to our government, and we take any threat to the security of Canadians and their livelihood seriously," said Blaney's spokesman, Jeremy Laurin.

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Soldier says it's not so simple

Cpl. Ashley Turner is a female soldier who has served in the armed forces for 12 years and completed two tours in Afghanistan. She was deployed on Operation Podium, the army's support for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Turner wrote to Metro News after seeing her photo with an article about sexual misconduct in the Canadian military. Her letter follows.

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Military's problem of sexualized culture

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Judge's report highlights misogynstic behaviour

Being called an ice princess, or a slut, or told that they only joined the army to find a man: Those are just some modest examples of the misogynistic, highly sexualized culture that pervades the Canadian military and confronts its female members every day, a long-awaited sexual misconduct review said Thursday.

Eradicating that culture will

Cpl. Ashley Turner's photograph was published in Metro and other newspapers on May 1 alongside a story about the recent release of a scathing report into military sexual misconduct. She later wrote us to make clear that she should not be seen as "an example of a female soldier who has had first-hand experience of the issues discussed in the report." METRO

I was very surprised to see my photograph in the May 1 edition of the Metro, and even more surprised to see the article that it was used to illustrate — an article entitled "Military Plagued by Sexualized Culture," which described the recent report by former Supreme Court justice Marie Deschamps on the misogyny and sexual harassment that is allegedly commonplace in the Canadian Forces.

While I am flattered that my picture was chosen to represent female soldiers in general, I also feel that the immediate impression a reader would get is that it was included to provide an example of a female soldier who has had first-hand experience of the issues discussed in the report. Therefore, I wish to clarify that this is not the case, and that I am not in any way associated with the study in question.

In fact, had I been one of the 700 personnel who were selected to participate in this study, I would have confessed that the time I have spent in the Canadian military — all 12 years of it — has been a very positive experience, and almost entirely free of the issues described in the article.

Perhaps I have been unusually lucky to have worked with excellent male colleagues for the entirety of my career, or perhaps I am one of the "desensitized" women the article mentions. I do admit that crude jokes and swear words are spoken regularly in the military, yet I have never felt offended by them. In my experience, jokes that degrade women are not made any more often than jokes that degrade other groups of people — and, in fact, though the article mentions "references to female genitalia" as a particularly offensive example of such a joke, I can assure you that references to male genitalia are far, far more common. What I find much more offensive and misogynistic than any joke I have heard in the military is the notion that females, but not males, are somehow ill-equipped to handle this manner of conversing. The joking I have experienced has almost always been good-natured, and when the time has come to get the job done I have never found myself to be treated any less fairly than anyone else, or to be any less accepted by my peers as a result of my gender.

Of course, for both males and females, personal experience in the Canadian Forces will vary, and I am sure that, at times, legitimate harassment does occur. My intent is not to belittle the victims of this harassment, or to suggest that it should not be taken seriously. I simply wish to state that my experience in the Canadian Forces has been very different than the experiences of the female soldiers described in the article, and that the use of my photograph was therefore probably not the most accurate way to illustrate the concept discussed.

CPL. ASHLEY TURNER

BURUNDI FIGHTING BREAKS OUT IN CAPITAL DURING ATTEMPTED COUP A civilian jumps over a burning barricade of rocks erected by residents to protect themselves from police, in a northern district of the capital Bujumbura, in Burundi Thursday. Gunfire and explosions rang out in the city as military forces backing an attempted coup against President Pierre Nkurunziza battled it out with forces loyal to the elected leader. ERIK ESBJORNSSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amtrak engineer under scrutiny

PHILADELPHIA TRAIN WRECK

Bostian remembers nothing of crash: Lawyer

Brandon Bostian was obsessed with trains while growing up, talked about them constantly and wanted to be an engineer or a conductor.

"He would go on vacation and bring back subway maps," Stefanie McGee, a friend from Tennessee, recalled Thursday.

Bostian's teenage dreams would come true. But now, at 32, the Amtrak engineer has found himself at the very centre of the investigation into the nation's deadliest train wreck in nearly six years.

He was at the controls of a train that investigators say barrelled into a curve in Philadelphia on Tuesday night at more than 160 kph, or twice the speed limit. Eight people were killed in the derailment and more than 200 injured.

Investigators want to know why the train was going so fast. But Bostian refused to talk to police on Wednesday, authorities said. And investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board said they would give him a day or two to recover from the shock of the accident before talking to him.

Bostian's lawyer, Robert Goggin, told ABC News that his client suffered a concussion in the crash and has "absolutely no recollection whatsoever of the events."

Goggin also said Bostian had not been using his cellphone, drinking or using drugs, and that he "co-operated fully" with police and told them "everything that he knew," immediately consenting to a blood test and surrendering his cellphone.

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CANADIAN DEATH

Wells Fargo said Wednesday that Abid Gilani, a Canadian senior vice-president at the company, was among the victims of Tuesday's crash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

'Our people need shelter.' says Nepal's prime minister

Nepal has been overwhelmed by its second powerful earthquake in less than three weeks, its prime minister said Thursday as he visited the town of Charikot, now filled with frightened villagers desperate for help. "We need tents. Our people need shelter. With the rainy season, it will be difficult for people to survive in the open," Prime Minister Sushil Koirala told reporters.

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MIGRANT CRISIS

Thailand, Malaysia refuse boat people

Rohingya and Bangladeshis abandoned at sea following a crackdown on human traffickers had nowhere to go Thursday after Malaysia turned away two wooden boats crammed with hundreds of hungry people.

Thailand, too, made it clear the migrants were not wanted.

Thai Prime Minister Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha said his country couldn't afford to host the refugees.

He had no suggestions as to where they should go, saying: "No one wants them."

Southeast Asia for years tried to quietly ignore the plight of Myanmar's 1.3 million Rohingya.

It's feared that up to 6,000 of the Muslim minority, who are intensely persecuted in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, have boarded ships to flee to other countries and are now stranded at sea.

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IN BRIEF

Mayors want in on Canada Post mail delivery suit

Montreal-area mayors say they hope to join a lawsuit aimed at overturning Canada's Post's decision to reduce home delivery because they say the Crown corporation is acting arrogantly and refusing to listen to their concerns.

The leaders of Montreal, Laval, Longueuil and surrounding suburbs want to obtain intervener status in a Federal Court lawsuit filed by the union representing Canada Post employees.

Canada Post's decision was made without consulting municipalities and will hurt large numbers of seniors and people with reduced mobility, the mayors said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombardier cutting 1,750 jobs in Canada, Ireland

Bombardier said Thursday it will cut about 1,750 employees in Montreal, Toronto and Ireland over the coming months because of weak demand for its largest business jets. Up to 1,000 of the lost jobs will be in Montreal, while 480 positions will be eliminated in Toronto and 280 in Belfast. The cuts will begin in June and continue until the first quarter of 2016, said the company, which employs more than 70,000 people.
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FISHERIES GEODUCK FARMING TAKES OFF Zack Crow uses pumped sea water to loosen the muck while harvesting geoducks near Harstine Island, Wash. Last year, the U.S. exported $74 million US worth of the clams, mostly to China and Hong Kong, where they are served raw as sashimi or added to hotpot dishes. A growing appetite for the unique Pacific Northwest delicacy is prompting shellfish farmers to grow more of the clams. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tax raids on Uber offices

MONTREAL

Investigators looking for documents, official says

Quebec tax authorities have raided two Montreal offices of Uber, the company that offers rides at prices lower than typical cab fares.

About 20 investigators executed search warrants on Thursday seeking tax-related documents, said Stephane Dion, a spokesman for the province's revenue agency.

"The investigation has been going on for several months," Dion said in an interview.

"At the moment we have 20 investigators on the premises of Uber Canada Inc. The goal is to obtain as much information as possible, and these documents will then be analyzed. After that, we'll be able to determine whether charges will be laid.

"Revenu Québec is responsible for applying tax laws. We have the power to recommend that charges be laid. And they can be accompanied by fines and prison sentences of up to five years if individuals or the company are found guilty."

Asked for reaction, Uber spokeswoman Susie Heath said in an email that "we look forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders in Quebec to foster innovation, create jobs and provide consumers with much-needed affordable transit options."

The raids were conducted just more than two weeks after the City of Montreal announced it had seized 40 of the company's vehicles since the beginning of the year.
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Happy face/Sad face

From **babies' babblings** to **benders gone bad**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

A tail of woe for would-be mermaids

Swimmers are kicking up a fuss in Alberta after community pools banned mermaid fins, citing safety concerns. The trendy costumes bind the legs together tightly, making staying afloat a challenge for weaker swimmers. The province's Lifesaving Society favours a "mermaid test" of swimming ability over an outright ban, while parents say they're the best judges of their aspiring Ariels' skills. CBC.CA

Police bail out befuddled teens

Two teenage boys in Barrie, Ont. took some unidentified illicit drugs and promptly called 911 on themselves—because they couldn't find their way out of the woods. It was still broad daylight when police and EMS found the 19-year-olds with the help of sniffer dogs. The young men were "extremely disoriented" and "silently staring off into the sky." No charges were laid. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Improving kids' speech as easy as "Hola!"

You can stop teaching your two-year-old Portuguese now — just move him to Brazil. A University of Chicago study found young children who hear more than one language at home become better communicators. Using a specially designed game, researchers learned children from multilingual homes, even if not bilingual, could better understand speakers' meaning than those who only heard their native tongue. UCHICAGO.EDU

Goldfish get gold star for attention span

Good news! For goldfish, that is. The attention span of the notoriously dim-witted species is now apparently longer than ours. A study of the brains of 2,000 Canadians found the length of time we can focus on one thought has dropped to eight seconds from 12 in the year 2000 — around the time when the Internet started thinking for us. Goldfish can concentrate for nine seconds, swimming circles around us skills-wise. OTTAWA CITIZEN

'FHRITP' is not the free speech cause to fight for

THE KOHLER REPORT
Rebecca Kohler

Acronyms that helped change the world: SCUBA, NAFTA, FHRITP.

For those of you who don't know or were in a coma this week, a group of Toronto soccer fans, including Shawn Simoes, argued with CityNews correspondent Shauna Hunt outside a game over the merits and "hilarity" of yelling "f–k her right in the p—y" at reporters while they try to do their jobs (a "trend" for over two years now). The spontaneous confrontation went viral, and Simoes subsequently lost his six-figure job at Hydro One. Boo her right in the hoo!

Social media has been hot with FHRITP fever ever since. While most people I know are in favour of the Simoes vitriol, I've been surprised to see a lot of people come not only to his defence but to the defence of FHRITP itself. What gives?

Sentiments include, "It's not sexual harassment because some people yell it at men," as well as, "It's not sexist because it's funny." (This guy went to the Andrew Dice Clay school of feminism.) Politically conservative media personality Ezra Levant asked the totally-missing-the-point question, "Why is it OK for Elizabeth May to use the F-bomb in public, but not these guys?"

Have people never heard of the term "context"? The F-word by itself is not misogynistic or upsetting (except maybe to your grandma). Follow it with the words "her" and "p—y," and all of a sudden you have what sounds like a command from one person to another to attempt sex on a woman, whether the woman would like that or not.

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There's another term for what that is, and it rhymes with "shmexual shmassault."

I mean, if the phrase was "Eat a marshmallow on Sunday!" then this conversation would be pretty boring. Shauna Hunt would be all, "That guy yelled that I should eat a marshmallow on Sunday!" and we'd all be like, "What a delicious idea!" Everyone would be happy, except diabetics.

But the phrase is "F—k her right in the p—y." Is that sexual harassment? Is it misogynistic? First of all, yes. Second of all, who cares? Why must we define it as such to agree that it shouldn't be socially acceptable to yell it at journalists? This is like fighting for the right to insulate your home with asbestos. You have the right to fight for it, but why would you want to?

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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"Fashion may be fickle, but true style frees the mind."

No one looks like Iris Apfel.

The 93-year-old international style icon, to quote one designer, treats fashion as playfully as "a big box of Lego." Her outfits are more properly sculpture.

And like all artists, Apfel's true power is a defiantly individual imagination.

She won't be cowed to fit anyone's standards of style or thought but her own.

Apfel is the subject of Iris, a documentary rolling out across the country this month that follows her path from running a textile business with her husband, to interior designer for the White House, to fashion muse.

Despite the love showered on her late in life by fashion royalty after an exhibit of her wardrobe became an international sensation, she's so much more than they are.

She curates fantastical outfits — collisions of colour, patterns and feathers, layers of off-beat jewelry — and radiates freedom from conformity and the power of style as art.

Apfel abhors trends — those lazy directives on how you should look, peddled by brands and magazines for profits. In interviews, she's acerbically un-intellectual about her style and uninterested in defining it.

It's an attitude reminiscent of Katherine Hepburn, the starlet who wore menswear most of her life. Both exemplify how not to give a damn.

Apfel is a scavenger of flea markets and vintage stores. She detests head-to-toe high fashion and doesn't care what anything costs. She only cares, she's said in interviews, about how it makes her feel.

She speaks of the items of her wardrobe as loves.

"It feels good in my solar plexus," she's said of finding a new piece to add to the hundreds in her collection. "I get a good, warm feeling."

Browsing through photos of Apfel is as much of an adventure as reading Alice in Wonderland; you never know what you might see next.

The same can't be said for many of us. Self-consciousness is the rot in our closets. We're too often lured by the straightjacket of dictated taste.

But it doesn't have to be so. Apfel has no rules about how to dress. Her guide seems to be only the pure joy of self-expression.

And watching her wear whatever the hell she wants sends the message that you, too, can be different.

As one woman once told her, "I learned that if I don't have to dress like everybody else, I do not have to think like everybody else."

Fashion may be fickle, but true style frees the mind.

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Every four weeks, a CEO-led safety executive committee reviews safety-related key performance indicators and identifies corrective actions to be implemented. At the same time, we are leading the way among North American transit systems by adopting a safety, health and environmental management system based on a best practice model used in Sydney, Australia.

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EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Name:	Position:	Years of Service:
Carl Aston	Collector	12

I worked as a bus and streetcar operator before coming over to the TTC's Collectors department. One of the best things about this job is being able to move around the system from station to station and meet different people every day.

CHANGES TO TTC BIKE RACKS

Bike racks on some TTC buses are now restricted to carrying just one bicycle in order to ensure continued safety for TTC operators, customers and all road users.

Last fall, the Ontario Ministry of Labour ordered the TTC to review sight lines as they relate to bike racks on some bus types. This restriction applies to the TTC's articulated, or bendy, buses and the Nova 40-foot buses set to arrive later this spring.

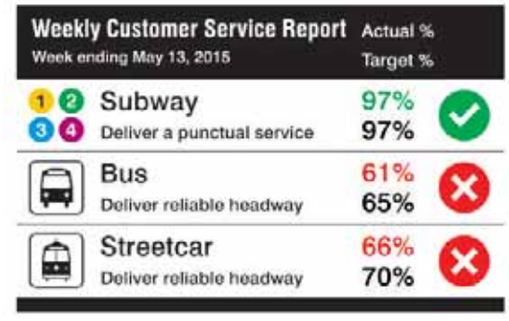
The restricted bike racks are now locked and clearly labelled. All other buses may still carry two bikes. Customers must remove large objects such as baskets or child seats, and loose items, such as water bottles, as these accessories may impede visibility and safety. If the bike rack is full, bicycles may be brought on board the bus, space permitting and at the operator's discretion, during off-peak hours.

TTC REMOVING SUNDAY-ONLY STREETCAR STOPS

As part of a larger initiative to improve pedestrian safety and travel times for all streetcar users, the TTC will remove all 42 Sunday-only streetcar stops as of Sun., June 7. The decision to remove the stops was made after consultation with the public and City Councillors, and was approved by the TTC Board in May, 2014.

Sunday stops were established in the 1920s to reduce walking distance to nearby churches, but are too close — about 100 metres on average — to adjacent regular stops. Transportation best practices state that streetcar stops should be 250 to 350 metres apart.

As well, for safety reasons, the TTC is adjusting all streetcar stops to ensure they are located at signalized intersections or crosswalks.



PORTION OF LINE 2 CLOSED THIS SUNDAY

The City of Toronto is removing construction hoarding following the completion of structural work on the Prince Edward Viaduct (Bloor Viaduct) this Sun., May 17. As a result, there will be no subway service between St George and Pape stations on Line 2 on Sunday only. The TTC will use the opportunity to do its own maintenance work in the area. Frequent replacement buses will operate between St George and Pape stations. Wheel-Trans vehicles will be available for customers who require accessible transit. Customers can speak with any uniformed TTC employee to make use of this service. Normal subway service will resume on Mon., May 18 at 6 a.m.

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Sip 'n' surf

Java or Java, coffee shops are a hot spot to connect

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While it might be your barista's brew that brings you to your local café, the free Wi-Fi is also a perk worth of which to take advantage.

More and more, people come for the free Internet and stay for the coffee.

Once a place to connect in person, neighbourhood coffee shops have also evolved into hubs for device-toting customers to connect online — whether it's video chatting over a smartphone, playing a multiplayer word game on a tablet, or surfing through social media on a laptop.

Perhaps it's no coincidence that Java is both slang for coffee and the name of a popular computer language.

"Coffee shops are still the best meeting places for connected people," says Daniel Bader, editor in chief of MobileSyrup, Canada's largest independent source for mobile news and reviews.

"Wi-Fi is usually free and ubiquitous, and the atmosphere is often conducive to quietly working or chatting with friends."

Free wireless, in a hot spot like a coffee shop, is especially ideal for mobile phone users looking to avoid cellular data charges. Without the right plan — one that includes unlimited data and no overage fees — data could be a pricey pain point for Canadians; using a coffee shop's Wi-Fi connection doesn't count towards your monthly data limit (bucket), and is also ideal for those who don't have a cellular data plan at all.

"Wi-Fi offloading, the practice of moving cellular traffic to a Wi-Fi network, such as at a coffee shop, is becoming more prevalent as mobile usage increases," Bader says.

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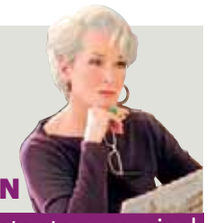

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Who's the costume designer? The Devil Wears Prada to be made into stage musical

George Miller's Mad world

MAD MAX: FURY ROAD

Director sees dystopia through lens of a doctor

IN FOCUS
Richard Crouse

George Miller has made pigs talk and penguins tap dance.

He's been a doctor and a film director. Among the bold-faced names on his resumé are the titles Babe: A Pig in the City, The Witches of Eastwick, Happy Feet 1 and 2 and Lorenzo's Oil. One name, however, looms larger than the rest: Mad Max.

Over the course of three films — Mad Max, Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior and Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome — he introduced the world to post-apocalyptic warrior Max Rockatansky, made Mel Gibson a superstar, defined dystopian cinema for a generation or two and created the phrase, "Two men enter, one man leaves."

This weekend, 30 years after the release of the last Mad Max movie, Miller revisits the character in Mad Max: Fury Road, a reboot starring Tom Hardy and Charlize Theron.

The 70-year-old director, who raised money to make the first film by working as an emergency room doctor, says the goal of the new movie was to make it "uniquely familiar."

After years of "following the CG evolution," using computer-generated images to create beautiful animated films, he was keen to go back to "old school" filmmaking "with real cars and real people and real desert."

That means, unlike the Avengers and their ilk, respecting the laws of physics by using practical effects and keeping the action earthbound.

In other words, in a call back to the original films, when a car blows up, it doesn't rocket into space. Instead it explodes spectacularly but organically. The wild action you see in Fury Road are actual stunts performed by stunt men and women and not generated by a clever computer operator in a studio.

"It was like going back to your old hometown and looking at it anew," he says.

Miller reveals he originally created Max's wasteland world while practising medicine.

"I worked for two-and-a-half years in a big city hospital. I stayed registered right up past Mad Max 2: Road Warrior. I never even thought there'd be a career. I stayed as a doctor on the first Mad Max because we kept running out of money in postproduction. Then I stayed through to the second Mad Max because if you are doing stunts, you are obliged to have a doctor on set. There weren't big budgets, so I ended up running a clinic during lunch time tending to cuts, sunburns, scrapes and all that."

Director George Miller originally financed Mad Max by working as an ER doctor. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

His two careers have much in common, he says, adding he was "privileged with a unique point of view as a doctor."

"I don't think I'd be the filmmaker I am unless I had that medical education, in two very direct ways. Both of them have a lot of problem-solving in there. But the most important way is that as a doctor you are looking at people in extremis from many points of view. You look inside of people. You see people during birth and death and so on. Through microscopes — a lens. So you're looking from many, many points of view. That's exactly what you do in cinema. Huge wide shots with massive crowds or you're looking right down inside someone's brain, someone's head."

As for plans to make another Mad Max right away, he says, "That's a bit like asking a woman who's just given birth if she's going to have another baby."

Tom Hardy in Mad Max: Fury Road. CONTRIBUTED

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Mad Max: Fury Road ★★★★½
Pitch Perfect 2 ★★★½
Good Kill ★★★½

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MAGGIE

Arnold Schwarzenegger zombie flick is all heart

Schwarzenegger plays a protective dad in Maggie. CONTRIBUTED

With Maggie, Arnold Schwarzenegger is getting something he's not used to: acclaim for his serious acting.

In the zombie drama — not horror film, but an actual drama — he plays Walt, an unusually buff Midwestern dad watching over his teenage daughter (Abigail Breslin), who has been bitten by one of the undead and is gradually turning herself.

It's a rare case where his muscles and brawn won't help, and for the onetime Predator star, that was a real thrill.

Why it's unusual:
"It's the most human story that I've done. It's the most human character that I've played. It's the most human zombie movie that was ever made. I can't even (think of a zombie movie) that focused so much on people and the dilemma that this man is in. There is baggage that I bring to the movie, being an action hero and all of a sudden I can't overcome this challenge and become very volatile as a character. That appealed to me."

Doing drama:
"It is very draining. The brain takes much more energy than the body does.... I remember when I was in the governor's office, I was totally wiped out in the evening. It was the same here. It's tough, but at the same time you're having such a great time doing it. You feel so passionate about the character and the movie is so fun to do. But you do get wiped out."

His character's reluctance to let his daughter be taken away:
"Under normal circumstances she should have been quarantined, but as a father you can't let that happen. You can't just send someone to quarantine to get this painful shot and then she dies slowly. I could not let that happen as a dad. Therefore I protect her as much as I could."

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Food for the apocalypse

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Mad Max ate dog food, but Campbell's soup would do

THE TV DINNER

Jessica Allen

Columnist Jessica Allen would eat KFC for her last meal (hold the chicken). HANDOUT

Even post-apocalypse, the question of what's for dinner must loom large.

Except for maybe Max Rockatansky. In the trailer for Mad Max: Fury Road, Max, played by Tom Hardy, barely has time to take a washroom break in the desolate desert where oil, water, law and humanity are scarce, let alone muse about lunch.

If he's not driving a tanker, he's trapezing like a Cirque du Soleil performer between them.

Nor does mealtime appear to be on the minds of his co-stars: Imperator Furiosa, played by Charlize Theron, is trying to get back to her childhood homeland while simultaneously rescuing the five young wives of Fury Road's villain, Immortan Joe, whose horse-like respirator would make having even a cup of coffee taxing.

But how would chefs fair in a dystopia?

Plenty of them have revealed what their last supper would be, if they had the means of orchestrating it. Martin Picard, for example, would start with a kilo of caviar accompanied by blinis followed by raw tuna and soy sauce.

It's a question I love hearing answered by chefs, but one I have no interest in responding to myself, perhaps because I'm embarrassed to admit my last supper would be KFC — hold the chicken, bring on the French fries with sides of gravy and that radioactive-looking coleslaw.

But the trouble with the apocalypse is that no one knows exactly when it will hit, which is precisely why some chefs' skill sets will have readied them well: Noma's Rene Radzepi, for example, could scavenge for edible bark, berries and maybe the occasional woodcock.

Hunting and foraging, however, would only last for so long in the world of Mad Max, which hasn't been seen on a screen in 30 years. Fury Road, which opens on May 15, marks creator and director George Miller's first live-action feature since Babe 2: Pig in the City.

In 1981's Mad Max: The Road Warrior, which I watched obsessively in my youth, Gibson's Max eats dog food out of a can. Now, that's more like it.

Beyoncé and Jay Z, with their 22-day vegan challenge, would have to adjust.

But I'd be just fine. I'd forage all of the Campbell's bean with bacon I could find.

Coincidentally, it smells exactly like dog food when it's first opened but with the addition of a little water and heat it transforms into a hearty meal. It goes better with a side of grilled cheese but hey, it's the end of the world. I'll take the soup.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social

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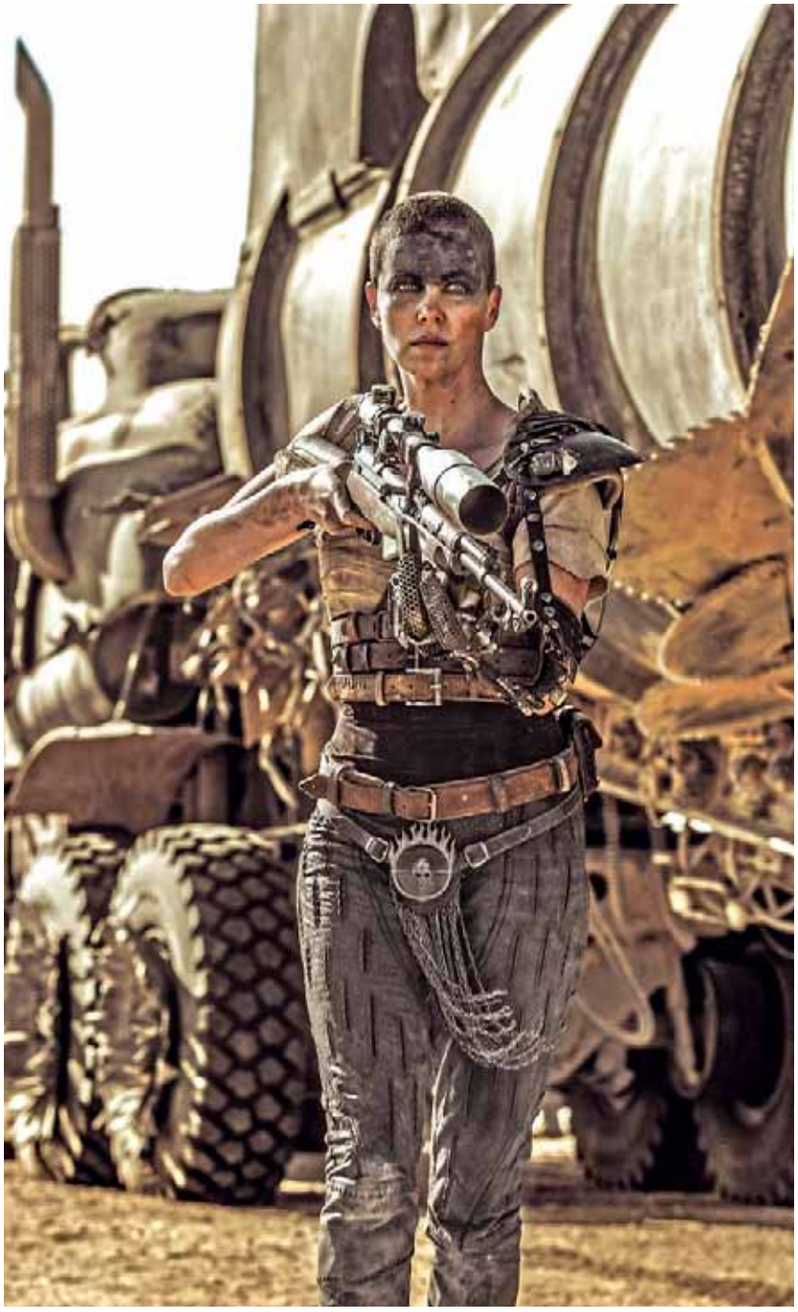

Charlize Theron runs away with Mad Max: Fury Road. JASIN BOLAND/CONTRIBUTED

Not-so-secret feminism in Mad Max: You got a problem with that?

FURY ROAD

Charlize Theron bulldozes her way to the alpha role in Fury Road

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

It's taken Australian director George Miller 30 years to bring his iconic post-apocalyptic wanderer, Mad Max, back to the screen. In the super-charged update, Tom Hardy steps in for Mel Gibson — and then just as quickly steps aside for co-star Charlize Theron, who runs away with the film as Imperator Furiosa. And, as Hardy tells us, he's just fine with that.

This isn't your dad's Mad Max

"Mad Max is not actually in the driver's seat in this movie," Hardy says. "It's about time you had better female leads in action movies. This is not a feminist argument, it's a personhood situation. This is how we ought to reflect the times — not so much strong women, but just people. You know, you have a male and a female who are both just personhood situations on both sides of the gender. I wouldn't put it past George to come up with a transgender (hero), do you know what I mean? He's not the type of person who's going to mince his words."

The apocalypse can be good for a laugh

"There's a sense of humour that George has got, a certain fearlessness in the enjoyment of that post-apocalyptic world, demented fun," Hardy says. "There's not just, like, good versus evil, you know, or 'The Road' or something like that where everything's just like devastatingly bleak, you know? It's a carnival, sort of a circus, sort of Vaudevillian. There is something almost Terry Gilliam-esque, Monty Pythonesque, without banging the gong. There's almost a tongue-in-cheek delirium. Everything is designed as a sort of ghastly, grotesque humour."

The film has a strong feminist streak

"He's a smart man, George, so what he's doing is reflecting the times as well as pioneering at the same time. He's reading the times, what's going on," Hardy explains. "And it's no surprise to me that he would use a character that is synonymous with Mel Gibson, the silhouette and the icon of Mad Max, to re-establish the world which he started off 30-something years ago, but it's very clear that actually, right down to the shoulder pad on her left arm, (Theron) is the female protagonist of this movie.

Tom is fine with not being the hero of his own movie

"I think that's very, very smart of him to deliver a female lead in Mad Max," Hardy says. "I remember talking to George back in Namibia about old-school movie star, male-female chemistry. How does the dynamic work between a strong alpha-male and a strong alpha-female on screen when you get them together. And I think in this one ... Charlize led this entire movie and it shows on screen and you can see it quite clearly. One has to yield to that. Because if you fight it, you get malleted."

INTERVIEW

Women behind the wheel in George Miller's sequel

The inhospitable desert landscape of Mad Max: Fury Road isn't so different from today's Hollywood: low on water and overrun by men.

But amid the overflowing testosterone of Fury Road, George Miller's sequel to his post-apocalyptic franchise, Charlize Theron dramatically stands out. While Mad Max may star Tom Hardy as the titular road warrior of Fury Road, it is effectively Theron's film.

She plays Furiosa, a warrior with a shaved head and prosthetic arm, attempting to rescue a harem of wives held captive by a warlord. "When people first started talking about this film, this loud whisper went around town that George was looking to create a female character that can stand next to Max and carry the journey with him," Theron said in a recent interview.

"For a female actress, that always sounds intriguing. Look, we hear it all the time and very few filmmakers see that through."

Fury Road, which was to receive a premiere at the Cannes Film Festival on Thursday before opening in theatres Friday, is an atypical summer action movie — essentially a two-hour car chase — that's literally and effectively driven by a strong woman.

Lately, a chorus of actresses has spoken out about what they've called inherent sexism in Hollywood and the lack of quality female roles. Meryl Streep, Carey Mulligan, Kristen Stewart and Patricia Arquette have all recently made strong statements about gender inequality in the industry.

And on Tuesday, the American Civil Liberties Union asked U.S. state and federal agencies to investigate what it claimed is widespread gender discrimination in Hollywood.

"It's crazy that we live in a world, not just in Hollywood, where women get paid less than men for doing the same job," says Theron. "And also just the representation of women in film, it hasn't been that authentic and true. So when something comes along where women are represented in a truthful manner, all of a sudden, people really respond to it. And it's kind of like, 'You guys, this isn't anything new.'"

Channelling some rage into Furiosa came naturally: "There were emotional things that I could connect to."

Some have even described Fury Road as a feminist film. Vagina Monologues writer Eve Ensler consulted on the movie, working with the actresses playing the enslaved wives.

Theron's commitment to the character is clear enough: she shaved off her blonde hair for the role. "It wasn't that we were trying to hide her as a female," says Theron. "She had to almost disappear in this environment and everybody had to get to a place where they almost forgot that she was a woman. And I just didn't know how to do that with a ponytail."

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Riley Keough as Capable in Mad Max Fury Road.

Elizabeth Banks off to a Pitch Perfect start

SEQUELS

Actor makes directorial debut with a cappella comedy

Everyone warned Elizabeth Banks against filming the outdoor concert finale for Pitch Perfect 2. It was June in Baton Rouge, La. It was scorching hot, it was hurricane season, and they would have to build a full, functioning stage and recruit a small town of extras to make it believable.

But Banks knew what she wanted.

"I kept saying, 'I don't care, it's going to look cool, we've got to do it'," said the actress, producer, and now feature director.

It took nearly a month to build the Glastonbury Festival-inspired stage. As for the extras, the production sent out an open invitation casting call to fans of Pitch Perfect.

More than 3,000 people showed up. The massive undertaking required four all-night shoots, multiple cameras, elaborate performances and a tolerance for mysterious bug bites. Banks even took responsibility for the crowd's waning energy.

"At one point, she went out on stage and started whipping them into a frenzy," said Banks' husband and producing partner, Max Handelman. But the crowd really lost it when she brought a few Bellas out, too.

"It was her connecting the fans with the girls and letting everyone know that this was a big deal," said Handelman.

As plans for a sequel started to take shape, the first film's director, Jason Moore, signed on to the Tina Fey-Amy Poehler comedy Sisters, and suddenly Pitch Perfect 2 needed a director.

Banks, known for roles in The 40-Year-Old Virgin and The Hunger Games, had been thinking about directing for some time.

She directed plays at the University of Pennsylvania, and had been taking on small projects over the past few years to learn as much as she could.

Elizabeth Banks on the Set of Pitch Perfect 2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Plus, as a producer and actor on the first film, Banks already knew the a cappella world and had the trust of returning cast like Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson.

"Right as I was raising my hand to do it, the studio said, 'Why don't you do it?"' she said.

"I certainly did not plan for my feature directorial debut to be a giant musical," she laughed. But she dove in and endeavoured to make everything — costumes, performances and stakes — bigger. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Q&A

Adam DeVine talks happy accidents

Ned Ehrbar
Metro Life

Adam DeVine didn't initially think much of 2012's Pitch Perfect, which he totally owns up to.

"Just because I'm generally ill-prepared and smoke too much weed, I thought the first movie was a baseball movie when I went to the audition," he remembers. "And then I get there and there's all these super-handsome dudes with abs in their cheeks, and they're all singing."

He managed to wing it and earn the role of Bumper, the first film's sort-of villain, but any antagonism is gone in the sequel, he explains to Metro.

Bumper works as a campus security guard in the sequel. How did you prepare?
Well, the campus security part of the movie isn't that detailed. I basically just wear a T-shirt, I'm not really securing much. But to answer your question, no. Not at all. I did make out with Rebel (Wilson) several times before just to see how well our lips worked together.

Adam DeVine and Rebel Wilson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You have a weirdly detailed Wikipedia page.
When I first moved to L.A. I needed to have a bio, and I hadn't done anything besides a few high school plays and hosting a pep rally or whatever, so I just cut and pasted Denzel Washington's bio as a joke. So it was like, "Adam DeVine, star of Man on Fire and Training Day."

But the part about you getting hit by a cement truck?
I was hit but by a cement truck when I was a kid, and I couldn't walk for a couple of years. That was a huge turning point in my life.

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Good Kill

Director: Andrew Niccol
Starring: Ethan Hawke, January Jones

In the shadowy world of drone warfare, combat unfolds like a video game — only with real lives at stake. When Air Force pilot Tom Egan and his crew start taking orders directly from the CIA, and the stakes are raised, Egan's nerves — and his relationship with his wife — begin to unravel.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 80% Audience: 55%

DRAMA

Dancing Arabs

Director: Eran Riklis
Starring: Tawfeek Barhom, Yaël Abecassis

Poignant drama about a Palestinian-Israeli boy who moves to Jerusalem to attend a prestigious school. He soon falls in love with a Jewish girl, and faces strong parental disapproval over his new romance.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: No reviews yet Audience: +100%

DOCUMENTARY

Iris

Director: Albert Maysles
Starring: Iris Apfel, David Hoey

Iris pairs legendary 87-year-old documentarian Albert Maysles with Iris Apfel, the quick-witted, flamboyantly dressed 93-year-old style maven who has had an outsized presence on the New York fashion scene for decades. It's a story about creativity and how a soaring free spirit continues to inspire.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 100% Audience: 65%

DRAMA

Wet Bum

Director: Lindsay MacKay
Starring: Craig Arnold, Julia Sarah Stone

It's the start of the spring term in a small northern town, heralding swimming lessons, hanging out with best friends, new classes and new possibilities. But this year, things are different for 14-year-old Sam.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: No reviews yet Audience: +100%

HORROR

Spring

Director: Justin Benson, Aaron Scott Moorhead
Starring: Lou Taylor Pucci, Nadia Hilker

Spring follows a young man in a personal tailspin as he flees California to the Italian coast, where he meets a woman carrying a dark secret.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 86% Audience: 70%

COMEDY

Pitch Perfect 2

Director: Elizabeth Banks
Starring: Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson

Surprise hit Pitch Perfect gets sequelized in this Universal Pictures production once again scripted by Kay Cannon.

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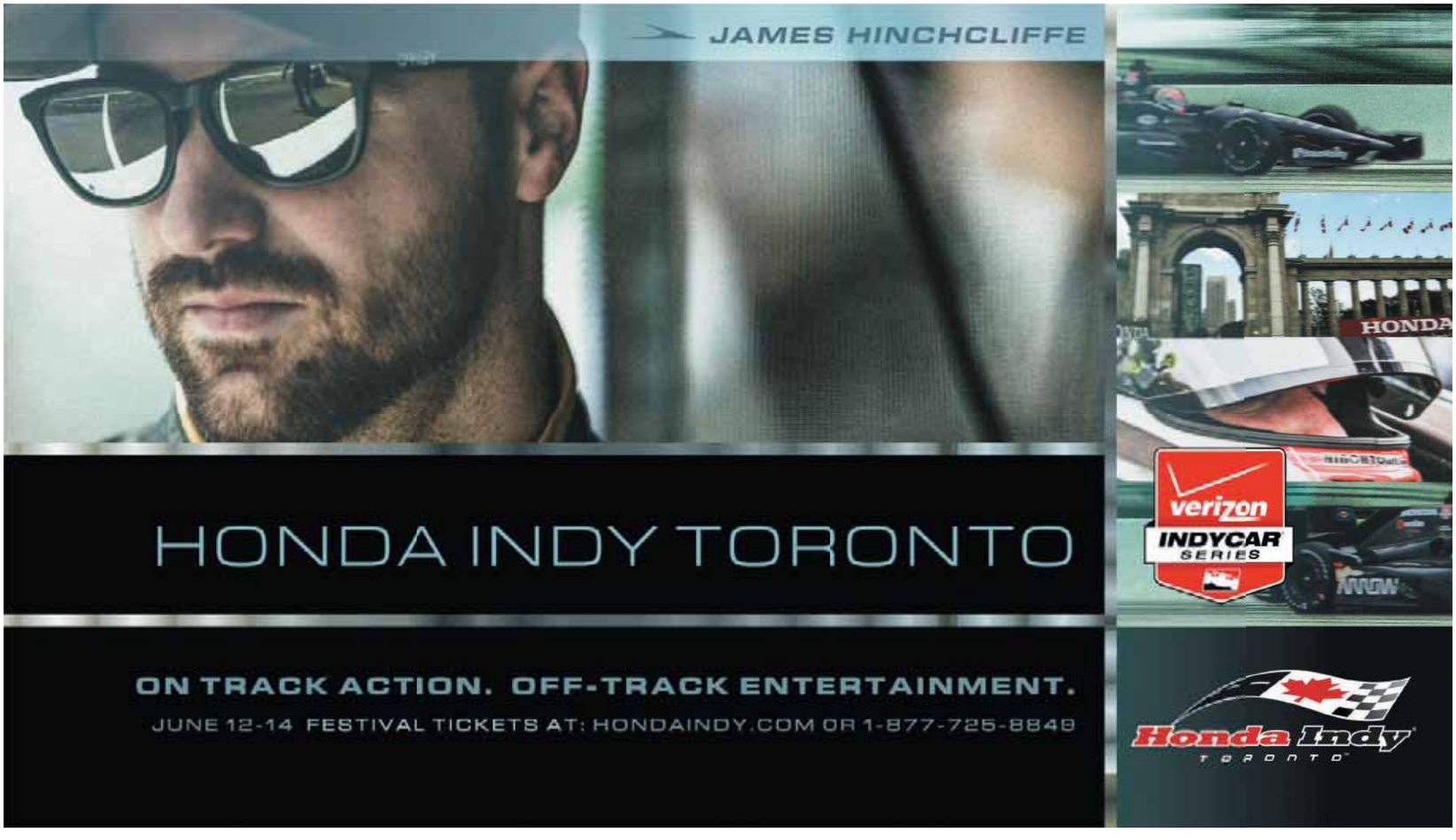
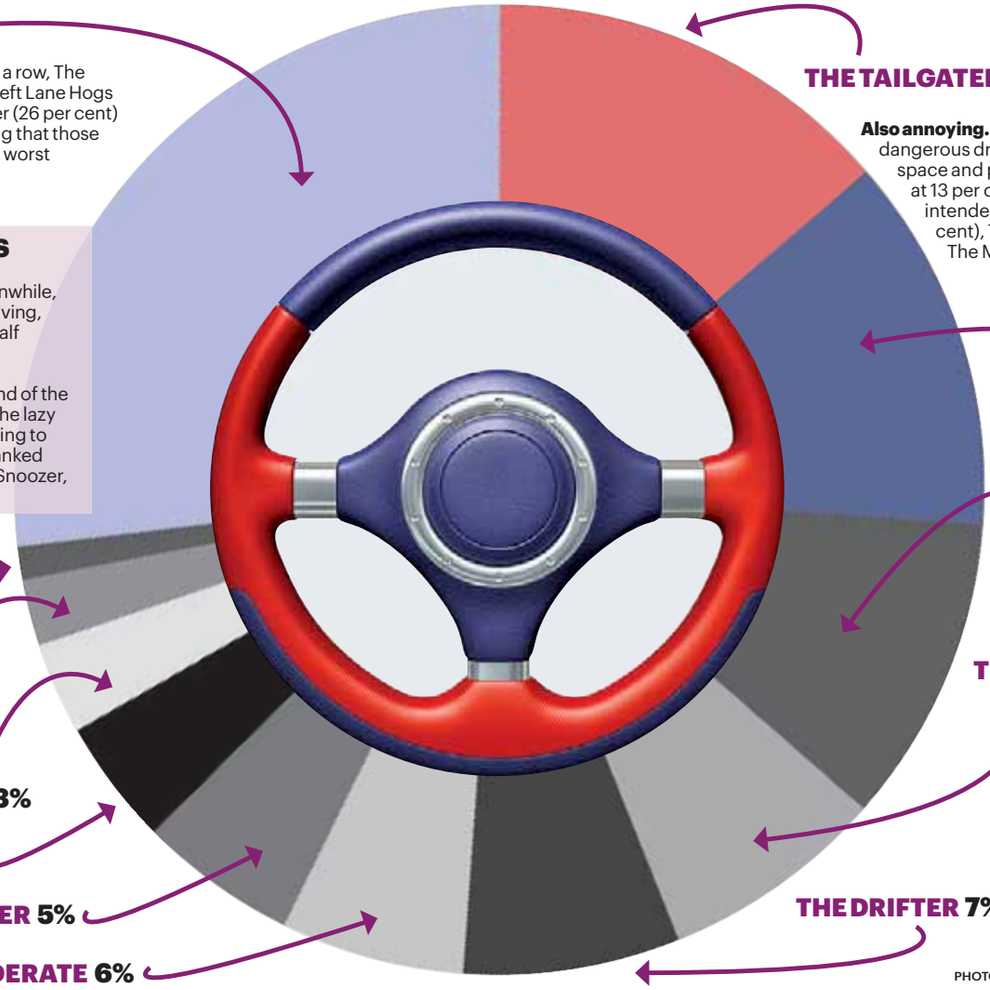
Critics: 73% Audience: +97%



Most hated drivers

Do you text and drive? Not only are you likely breaking local traffic laws, but you're also the scourge of fellow drivers, according to Expedia's 2015 Road Rage Report ranking the most infuriating driving behaviours. As we head into the Victoria Day long weekend that unofficially kick-starts the launch of summer and road tripping, here's a breakdown from the report of the biggest driver pet peeves AFP



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The worst. For the second year in a row, The Texter outranked Tailgaters and Left Lane Hogs by a mile, with more than a quarter (26 per cent) of the 1,000 respondents agreeing that those who dare to text and drive are the worst violators of road etiquette.

THE TAILGATER 13%

Also annoying. Tailgaters, those irritating and dangerous drivers with serious personal space and patience issues, ranked second at 13 per cent, followed closely (pun intended) by The Left Lane Hog (12 per cent), The Crawler, (10 per cent) and The Multitasker, (7 per cent).

THE LEFT LANE HOG 12%

THE CRAWLER 10%

THE MULTITASKER 7%

THE DRIFTER 7%

THE INCONSIDERATE 6%

THE SWERVER 5%

THE SPEEDER 4%

THE UNAPPRECIATIVE 3%

THE HONKER 2%

THE RED LIGHT RACER 1%

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- **Backseat Drivers.** Passengers, meanwhile, may want to refrain from backseat-driving, cited as the top peeve by more than half (52 per cent) of respondents.
- **Reluctant Co-pilots.** At the other end of the spectrum, the Reluctant Co-pilot — the lazy passenger who leaves all the navigating to the driver and won't open a map — ranked second, followed by the Radio Hog, Snoozer, Shoe Remover, and Snacker.

RUDEST DRIVERS

New York drivers appear to have the worst reputation in the U.S., with 42 per cent of respondents naming the city home to the rudest drivers, followed by Los Angeles (32 per cent) and Chicago (18 per cent).

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The Go Bike Montreal Festival runs from May 24 to 31.

Chantal Doiron (right) leads a bike tour past Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cycling to take over Montreal

QUEBEC

Go Bike festival offers new way to see sights

A city that already carries the distinction of being North America's most bike-friendly city, Montreal puts its love of cycling on display at the end of May each year.

The week-long Go Bike Montreal Festival pays homage to that cycling culture, comprising a number of events geared toward riders of all experiences and ages.

"Bicycles are now part of the DNA of Montreal," says Joelle Sevigny of Vélo Québec, which organizes the event. "It's quite an amazing experience to discover a city this way. It's quite a blast."

The May 24 to 31 Go Bike festival includes three major rides culminating with the marquee event: the Tour de l'Ile de Montreal.

Into its 31st year, the island-wide tour allows riders to explore Montreal with a different route each year, extending through some 22 towns and boroughs. You can go at your own pace — the tour has a variety of distances for all riders, ranging from 28 kilometres to 100 kilometres.

"It's the first gathering of the season," Sevigny says of the May 31 event. "Some people get out there and do the full route, but the idea is to just get out there and ride."

Several other events throughout the week can help you get warmed up. Kicking off the event on May 24 is the Metropolitan Challenge, a recreational ride with no podium and no clock. This year's event will trace a route that begins and ends in Chateauguay, Que., south of Montreal.

For those who prefer cycling under the stars, the Tour la Nuit is a 21-kilometre ride on May 29 and offers a unique, nocturnal experience. It drew 17,000 riders last year.

Sevigny says almost a quarter of the participants at the festival travel at least 40 kilometres to attend and many from even further.

"It's the only place in North America where we have a bike fest," Sevigny says. "The whole province of Quebec is really renowned for its festivals and this event is very unique to the province."

In general, Montreal's reputation as a cycling tourism hot spot is growing, in part thanks to 600 kilometres of dedicated bike paths and the popular bike share program Bixi.

An Old Montreal bike shop and tour operator chalks it up to tourists wanting to sightsee differently. André Giroux, owner of Ca Roule, offers various rides and tours with themes like architecture, history and gastronomy.

This year, Giroux says he's adding a new street food bike tour to coincide with the recent arrival of the foodie phenomenon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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St. Lucia defines holiday

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

Canadians seem programmed to seek out the Caribbean only when there is snow on the ground but the island of St. Lucia offers compelling reasons to take a summer vacation down south.

BEAUTY

The most recognizable image of St. Lucia is of the picturesque and UNESCO-protected Pitons, a pair of lush volcanic spires rising out of the water on the southwest corner of the island. The hike to the top of Gros Piton is well worth the couple of hours it will take you.

Other areas of the island offer a stunning mix of rainforest, beach and enough mountainous terrain to ensure jaw-dropping views from every vantage point.

ACTIVITIES

St. Lucia is not considered one of the Caribbean's premiere scuba-diving destinations, but it should be.

A dive to the Lesleen 'M' Wreck with Dive Saint Lucia convinced me of that.

The small ship was deliberately sunk in 1985 and is covered from bow to stern in anemones and colourful fire coral.

As we explored the open cargo holds, schools of electric blue fish poured down the sides of the ship like cascading waterfalls.

Other activities include rock climbing, zip-lining and lathering up in the volcanic mud baths of Sulphur Springs Park, which is considered a rite of passage for any visitor to the island.

CULTURE

Independent since 1979, the culture of St. Lucia remains a mix of French, British and Creole. The best way to experience it is to put yourself in the path of the friendly locals.

Chat with a vendor over a cup of coffee at the Saturday market in Soufrière or check out Jump Up, a street party complete with music, food and locally made rum that takes place every Friday night in the town of Castries.

Kick back at the Ladera Resort in St. Lucia. PETER REMUS

HOTELS

The islands' hotels have created niches to suit every taste, whether you are traveling solo or as a family.

The stunning Ladera Resort is a couples-only resort, which sets the standard for romantic getaways. With open-air rooms complete with furniture and case goods made by local wood carvers, giant showers tiled with playful mosaics and private plunge pools all uniquely positioned with a view between the Pitons, you can't help but get in the mood.

Rendezvous is another couples-only resort popular with people planning a destination wedding. The resort will make an exception for your single mother-in-law ... if you really want to bring her.

The BodyHoliday is a wellness resort on the northwest side of the island offering everything from massages to complete seven-day overhauls of your body, inside and out.

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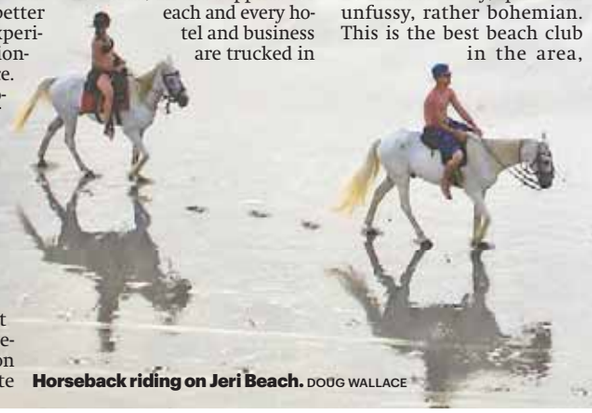
Twisting around sand dunes and scrubland in a 4x4 with the tires deflated for better traction is a surreal experience, like you're auditioning for The Amazing Race. Then, the town of Jericoacoara appears out of nowhere, popping out from of behind the dunes.

Located about 300 kilometres northwest of Fortaleza in the Brazilian state of Ceará, Jeri Beach, population 1,200, was once a simple fishing village without electricity, roads or telephones. Now, it's a full-on beach retreat, complete with kite and wind surfing, dune buggies and drivers to hire, surfing lessons to take, sand boards to rent for $1 an hour, palapas to sit under and beer to drink.

The town's tourism boom is fairly recent history: Visitors started arriving in 1985; surfers lured by the calm seas and high waves. Electricity followed in 1998, and the region became a national park in 2002. Because there are still no roads, all the supplies for each and every hotel and business are trucked in over the dunes. A medical helicopter is on hand for emergencies and plans for an airport are in the works.

As for must-dos, once you've visited Pedra Furada's photogenic seaside rock formation, short hops by 4x4 are the order of the day.



Horseback riding on Jeri Beach. DOUG WALLACE

Beach club bliss

A chilled-out vibe prevails at nearby Paradise Beach, a freshwater lagoon about 20 minutes away, quiet and unfussy, rather bohemian. This is the best beach club in the area, the perfect spot to sip your caipirinha, Brazil's national cocktail.

Just make sure you're back in Jeri before nightfall, when tourists and townspeople congregate on the giant Sunset Dune at the water's edge west of town to watch the sun sink behind the sea, the horseback riders and the determined sand boarders. This is also where you can watch the spins and kicks of kids performing the capoeira, a Brazilian martial art that dates back to the 16th century. Part dance, part game of combat, it is spurred on by singing chants and acoustic music played on traditional instruments.

After sundown, an almost carnival-like atmosphere emerges along the sandy, unlit streets as people weave their way through market stalls and beach bars, the ever-present smell of barbecue in the air.

On your way out of town, you can understand why the wild donkeys — once domestic pack animals for the fishermen — never left this place.

Dune buggies ready to roll (above), and the town in Jeri Beach. DOUG WALLACE

You won't want to either.

If you go

Intrepid Travel offers a guided tour to Jericoacoara within a new, 14-day Northern Brazil carbon-offset experience launching this June from Rio de Janeiro, ending in Fortaleza. Visit IntrepidTravel.com.

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SAZAN ISLAND

Albania hopes for visitors in tunnels and bunkers

This summer Albania plans to debut what it hopes will become a new selfie spot for tourists: Sazan Island, a former military base that still has bunkers and tunnels designed to withstand nuclear attack.

"What once was an isolated, unreached spot, a mystery to almost all Albanians but a few then-communist leaders, may now turn into an attractive place, especially for foreign tourists," says Auron Tare of Albania's National Coastal Agency.

Sazan Island is still technically a military base, but only two sailors remain, offering night shelter to navies patrolling Albanian waters. "It's a mysterious island, part of the old communist Albania's mystery," says Celine Damery of France's Conservatoire du Littoral, which conserves coastal areas.

In the trenches

The island's many trenches and tunnels show how much money the once cash-strapped communist government spent fearing a Western invasion. But now they're hoping Westerners will come, both to see Sazan and the country's other attractions — unspoiled beaches, tall mountains and history going back to ancient Greece.

Walking uphill on a mile-long pathway through pine trees and singing birds, many of the 3,600 one-man bunkers can still be seen dotting the hills, often in the shade of wild fig trees. It's not easy getting inside the bunkers though: They're still guarded — by lizards and the occasional snake. Inland, the spooky, ruined buildings still contain old beds, kitchen utensils, school benches and chairs. More than 3,000 troops lived here at a time, with enough food, ammunition and fuel to sustain them for six months.

Purpose of Sazan Island

Sazan "was Albania's airplane carrier into the sea, the port of defence for (the nearby city of) Vlora and the Karaburun peninsula, the key to controlling the Otranto Strait," says Ibrahim Gaxholi, 73, commander for the base from 1975 to 1992. The Italian army was stationed here in the 1930s; Italian floor tiles can still be seen in some places. Another interesting spot is a small separate villa, with old equipment that served to monitor movements of U.S. and Italian ships, especially during the 1950s and 1960s when Albania was close to the then-Soviet Union. And hidden among the pine trees on a hill is the villa of a communist defence minister, Beqir Balluku, who was executed by late communist dictator Enver Hoxha as a traitor. The island needs power and drinking water installed before tourists can be brought to visit, but Tare has lots of ideas for Sazan's future. Anti-nuclear tunnels would be cool for visitors on hot summer days, and could maybe even repurposed as wine cellars, Tare says. Maybe an international school or research centre for underwater and coastal heritage could be created here. One idea that's been rejected: offers from Las Vegas investors to turn the island into a casino.

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With the French Open looming, Serena Williams pulled out of the Italian Open with an ailing elbow

Edmonton morphing into Connor's town

NHL

Alberta's capital coming to life with McDavid buzz

A lot has changed since Wayne Gretzky left.

Edmonton is bigger, the buildings are taller, the population is younger, the Oilers are worse and the slogan that helped define it — City of Champions — is no more.

Yes, those welcoming signs that made Edmonton and its Oilers so easy to mock the last 10 years or so are being taken down by order of the city council.

But there is soon going to be a new kid in town. Connor McDavid.

And if and when McDavid arrives in this western city — once mocked as Deadmonton, the city that free agents either fled or dread — he'll be coming to a place with a new sense of self, a newfound confidence.

It stems partly from folks here finding other things to do, and other ways to define themselves while the Oilers played so poorly — and partly from the fact there's this big new arena going in downtown where McDavid will play in a couple of seasons.

"The Oilers have a new barn, a top pick and a lot of young talent," says James Jackson, in charge of bringing sporting events to Edmonton. "We have a new young mayor. Our average age is 36. And we voted NDP.

"It's a cool dynamic."

No. This isn't Wayne Gretzky's Edmonton. It will be Connor McDavid's. And they can't get him here soon enough.

The mood in Edmonton around its hockey team was atrocious. Despite repeated high draft picks — three first overalls in a row — the team was terrible. Coaches barely lasted a season. Managers lasted two. The owner was impatient. A new plan was invented as soon as someone spilt coffee on the old one. Fans had given up. Hope had given way to despair.

"On April 16, fans were like: 'F—,'" says Jason Gregor, a sports talk radio host. "The team's not getting better any time soon. Management is fricking pathetic. There was a cloud. People were beaten down."

Then the Oilers won the draft lottery. Former Hockey Canada executive Bob Nicholson, already in the organization, was taking over as president and former Bruins general manager Peter Chiarelli was named the GM.

"The attitude went fricking one-eighty," Gregor says. "Everyone went bananas."

> **Look at the names that have been through there ... if I'm fortunate enough to be there, it would be a tremendous honour.**
> Connor McDavid

At Edmonton's impressive farmer's market off Whyte Avenue — think Toronto's Queen Street West — Jessie Ives and a couple of friends had just finished brunch. Ives was wearing an Oilers hat.

"I wouldn't have worn it a month ago," Ives says. "I was struggling being an Oilers fan. This was about the only thing that drew me back in. You can see him moving the needle a little bit."

For free agents looking for their next hockey home, Edmonton has long been an afterthought for the game's big names. Nicholson believes his plan, the new rink and the young talent the Oilers will have will change that.

"We want the hockey world — players, agents — to look at Edmonton as a place where they want to be," Nicholson says. "We want to put a structure in place that will build this franchise to be strong, not for one year but for many, many years.

"We're building the best arena and best district for entertainment in North America. When people start to see what's happening here, it's really going to help attract players as well as the infrastructure around the hockey team."

McDavid's arrival will be the exclamation point at the end of Edmonton's sentence of change.

"When McDavid comes, he'll be the biggest celebrity in the city by far," Jackson says.

"He is really going to feel the community welcome. There will be billboards up saying 'Welcome.'

"We're not Toronto or Vancouver. We don't have celebrities filming in Edmonton. So when we get one and they're going to live here, and be part of this community, we really get behind him."

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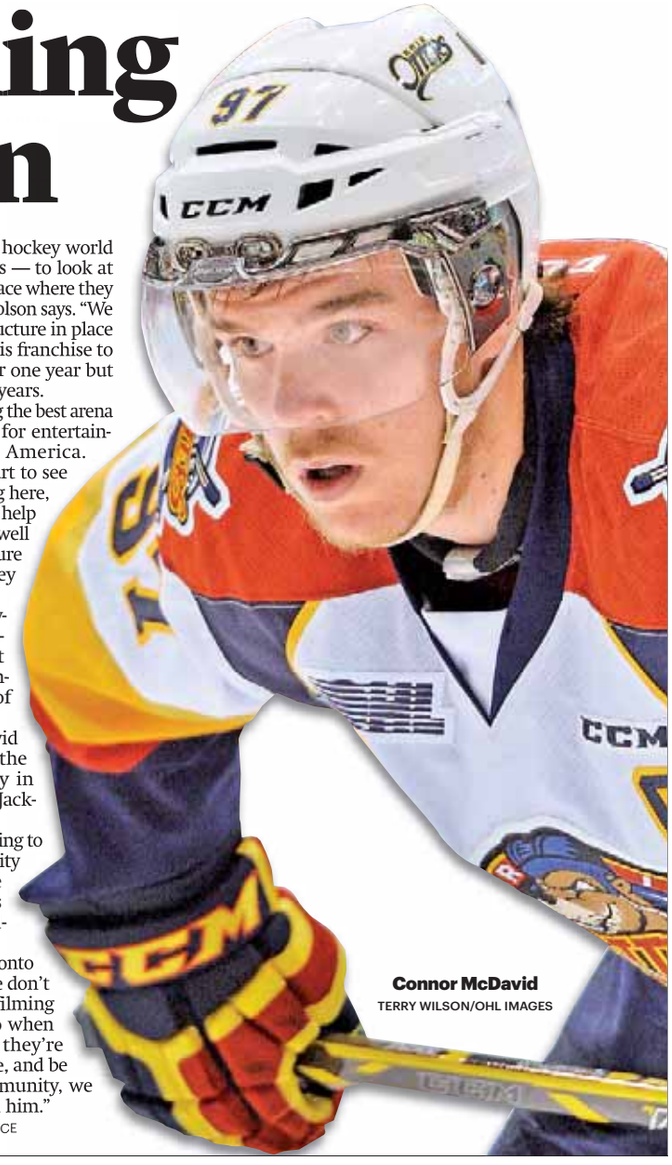
McDavid's 49 points in the OHL playoffs is tops by a large margin — Oshawa's Michael Dal Colle is second with 29



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UFC star's book doesn't skimp on hard knocks

Barefoot in a Toronto boardroom, the world's most dominant athlete — so says the cover of Sports Illustrated — is losing her voice.

(Rowdy) Ronda Rousey, UFC champion, Olympic judo bronze medallist, actor and now author, is feeling the effects of a bout of pneumonia.

"I've never fully recovered because they've had me talking constantly all day since," she said with a slight laugh. "But now I'm feeling like Adele-raspy, not like mute. We're going in stages."

Rousey, 28, has survived far worse, as her new autobiography My Fight/Your Fight documents.

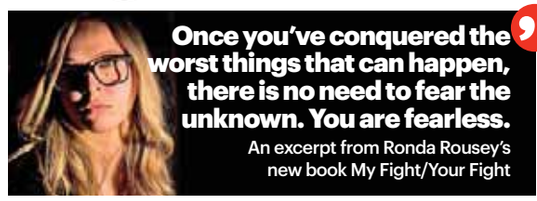
The current rock star of mixed martial arts was born with the umbilical cord wrapped around her neck, came late to talking, has been homeless, battled bulimia, has fallen asleep at the wheel while juggling minimum-wage jobs, has put her body through hell, discovered naked photos taken without her knowledge by a boyfriend, bumped heads with her mother and mourned the tragic death of her father.

There was no shortage of material for the book Rousey had always talked of writing.

"When I was really having some of my hardest days, I would tell myself — kind of as a pep talk — that I was just in the difficult part of the book and that I was in the middle of a very interesting autobiography," said Rousey, who kept journals growing up.

"And I was convinced I was on my way to something and I wasn't stuck where I was."

Rousey, who wrote the book with journalist/sister Maria Burns Ortiz, wanted to deliver more than a memoir — and succeeds. It's an easy read that rises from the entertaining to the inspirational at times. THE CANADIAN PRESS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An excerpt from Ronda Rousey's new book My Fight/Your Fight

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IN BRIEF

CFL, Als fine Mitchell for Holocaust denial tweets

Defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell has been fined undisclosed amounts by the CFL and the Montreal Alouettes for inappropriate posts on Twitter, including a link to a Holocaust denial video.

"There is absolutely no place in our league for commentary used to divide or disparage others along the lines of sex, race, religion or sexual orientation," CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge said in a statement.

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Brady appeals 4-game ban

Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady appealed the four-game suspension he was handed for his role in using deflated footballs during the AFC championship game, and the players union urged Commissioner Roger Goodell to appoint a neutral arbitrator to hear the case.

The expected appeal was filed by the NFL Players Association on Thursday about an hour before a 5 p.m. Eastern deadline.

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NBA PLAYOFFS CAVS CAPTURE SPOT IN CONFERENCE FINAL

Brampton's Tristan Thompson had 13 points and 17 rebounds — and was a worthy second option to LeBron James — as the Cleveland Cavaliers moved on to the Eastern Conference final with a 94-73 win over the Bulls in Game 6 of their second-round series on Thursday night in Chicago. NAM Y. HUH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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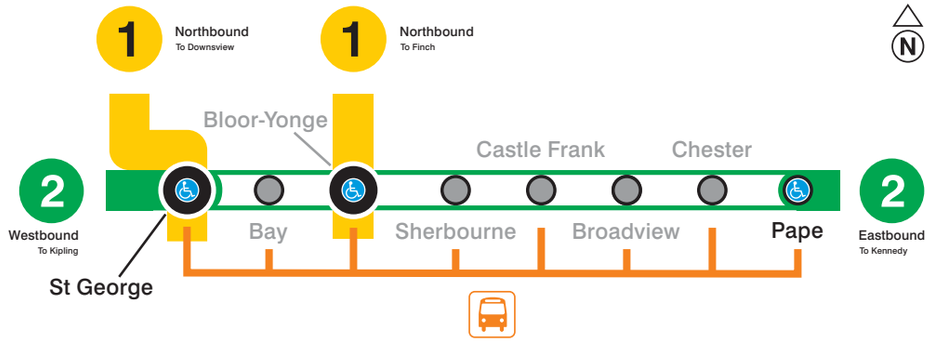

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Phillies keen to cash in on trio

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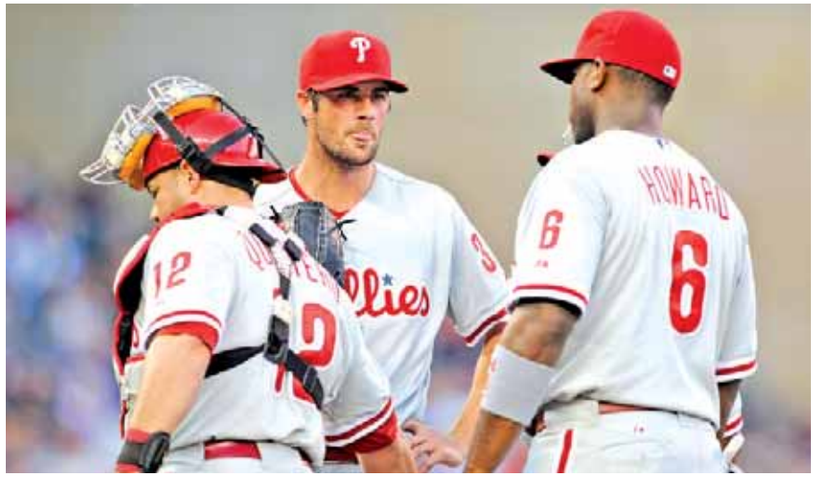
Papelbon, Hamels and Howard could go if deal is right



Cole Hamels, Ryan Howard and other Phillies could be on the move this season with last-place Philadelphia expected to clean house. HANNAH FOSILEN/GETTY IMAGES

Cole Hamels, Jonathan Papelbon and Ryan Howard could shake up the pennant race this October. If they change uniforms.

The ace, the closer and the slugger are making a team on pace for another last-place finish one to watch for all the wrong reasons. Each player has been available for a while, but they're still on the Philadelphia Phillies because general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. hasn't found the right deal for various reasons.

"We're not trying to make the perfect deal. In any deal we make, to put it bluntly, both sides have to be winners," team president Pat Gillick told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "People think you make a deal to take advantage of someone else. No, that isn't the case because you want to go back and have repeat business with that person. When you're making a deal, you want to make a fair deal. He's not looking to make a deal that's going to bring the house down."

Hamels, a three-time all-star and the 2008 World Series MVP, should bring the Phillies the best return. The 31-year-old lefty has three years and $73.5 million left on his contract, $87.5 million if his 2019 option kicks in. He's a proven big-game pitcher who dominated in the post-season. Hamels is 3-3 with a 3.53 ERA in eight starts and has a limited no-trade clause.

Boston, St. Louis and Toronto are often mentioned in trade rumours for Hamels. The Red Sox have the worst staff ERA in the AL. The Cardinals lost Adam Wainwright for the season.

The Blue Jays never replaced Marcus Stroman. Other teams including the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago Cubs and White Sox could be interested.

The Phillies certainly want top prospects in return for Hamels, but perhaps it won't take as many high-level players as reports have indicated.

"We haven't got an offer that's commensurate with his ability," Gillick said of Hamels.

> **We haven't got an offer that's commensurate with his ability**
>
> Phillies team president Pat Gillick on Cole Hamels

Papelbon has been excellent, converting all seven of his save chances with a 1.26 ERA after 39 saves in 43 tries in 2014. On Wednesday night, he surpassed Jose Mesa to become the franchise's all-time saves leader with 113.

He also is Boston's franchise leader with 219. Papelbon already has made it clear he wants to play for a contender.

Howard would've been traded long ago if the Phillies found any takers. His contract — $25 million this season with $35 million more owed for 2016 and a buyout — and decline in production make the 2006 NL MVP difficult to move. Howard is batting .211 with six homers and 15 RBIs. Despite his low average, he's on pace for 28 homers and could help an AL team that needs power and wants to use him as a DH.

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IN BRIEF

Perry misses practice but should start series opener

Corey Perry has missed his second straight practice with the Anaheim Ducks to rest for the Western Conference finals.

Perry stuck to a stationary bike Thursday, but coach Bruce Boudreau expects him to play when the Ducks open the series Sunday against the Chicago Blackhawks. Perry is the top scorer in the Stanley Cup playoffs with 15 points in nine games for the Ducks, who went 8-1 in the first two rounds.

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Callahan back on the ice

Tampa Bay forward Ryan Callahan was back on the ice Thursday, 72 hours after undergoing an emergency appendectomy that sidelined him for Game 6 of the Lightning's second-round playoff series with Montreal.

Callahan skated during a light practice coach Jon Cooper held before travelling to New York, where Tampa Bay will meet the Rangers in the Eastern Conference final, beginning Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Gerrard set for final match at Anfield

Ask Liverpool fans what they'll miss most about Steven Gerrard when he leaves for the United States and they'll reel off a list of qualities that made their long-time captain one of the most revered players in English soccer.

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Such is the demand for tickets for Gerrard's final match at Anfield that some are being sold for more than 2,500 pounds ($4730).

"I've been dreading this moment," Gerrard said Thursday ahead of Saturday's game against Crystal Palace. "I'm going to miss it so much. The aim is to stay strong and avoid a few tears."

Since his debut in 1998 as an 18-year-old midfielder, Gerrard has played 708 games for Liverpool and scored 185 goals. He captained the Reds to the Champions League title in 2005 — "the best night of my life, the pinnacle professionally."

Liverpool has been his life since he was 8, when he used to take two buses to train at the club's academy. He'll move to the Los Angeles Galaxy at the end of the season with a heavy heart.

Gerrard leaves Liverpool after winning the Champions League, UEFA Cup, two FA Cups and three League Cups. He never managed to lead Liverpool to a first English league title since 1990 and it remains his biggest regret. Last season, the Reds fell two points short of Manchester City.

"I'm really proud of what I have achieved here, all the trophies I have won," Gerrard said, "but certainly not winning the Premier League is a dent in that. There is nothing I can do about it now.

"I've had some cruel lows and incredible highs, but the support has never changed, at Anfield and around the world."

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Steven Gerrard plays his final Premier League match at Anfield on Saturday. CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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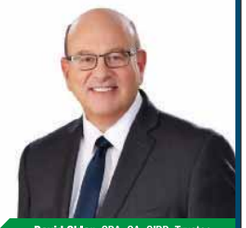
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Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4

Ingredients
- 4 small corn tacos

Refried beans
- 1/2 cup diced onions
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1 cup canned, drained and rinsed white kidney beans
- 1/3 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup medium salsa
- 1 cup thinly sliced cooked chicken breast
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1/2 cup grated old white cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- 3/4 cup diced tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp minced onion
- 1 Tbsp chopped cilantro
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1/2 avocado sliced thinly

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and place tacos overtop.

2. In small skillet, sauté onions, garlic and chili powder for 3 minutes. Add beans and stock, cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Purée beans in food processor. Add more water if too thick. Set aside.

3. Meanwhile, bake tacos for 5 minutes, just until lightly toasted.

4. Divide bean purée over tacos. Add dollops of salsa. Divide chicken, lettuce and cheese over tacos.

5. In a small bowl, combine tomatoes, minced onion, cilantro and oil. Divide over tacos and add garnish with sliced avocado. Serve immediately.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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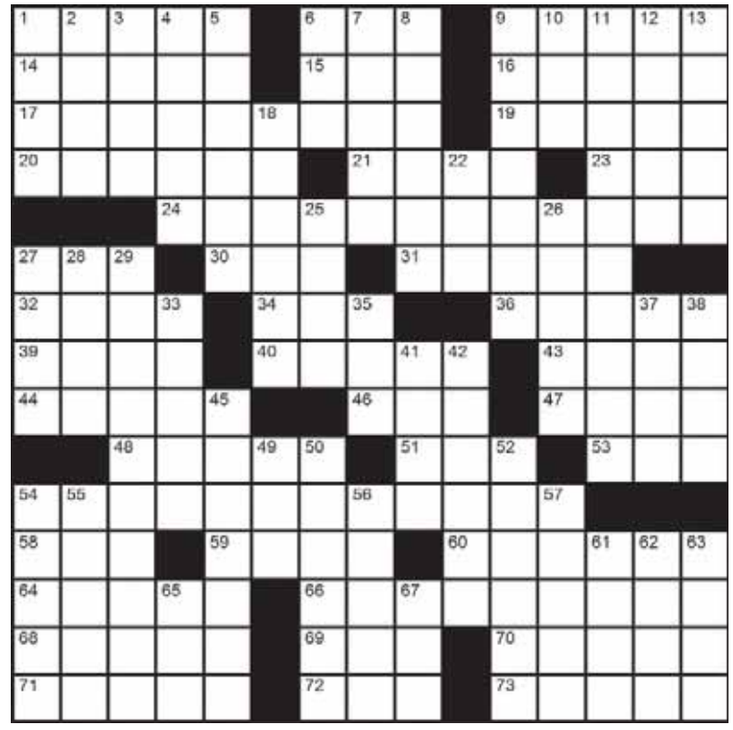

ACROSS
1. Flute, e.g.
6. Understanding utterances
9. Ice cream holders
14. Ten per cent church donation
15. Hound's hoofer
16. French singer Ms. Piaf
17. Shoulder decoration, as on a military uniform
19. Cheese-topped chip
20. "__ __: Fury Road" (2015) starring Charlize Theron
21. Gael, for one
23. Wine aperitif
24. Anna Kendrick's new musical comedy, "__ __ 2" (2015)
27. __ Leppard
30. Soft & __ (Antiperspirant)
31. Hold off
32. Roman love poet
34. Billy Joel's "Just the Way You __"
36. Hotel's main floor area
39. __-Coburg-Gotha (Former royal house)
40. 1811 Jane Austen novel, __ and Sensibility
43. Title lady of Starship's 1986 chart-topper
44. After lunchtime time, e.g.: 2 wds.
46. Mr. Cherry
47. Glance over
48. Wanders
51. Bus driver's path, briefly
53. Brewery container
54. Those who have become sensations on the 'Broadcast Yourself' website: 2 wds.
58. Facing [abbr.]
59. One-of-a-kind
60. Just to be on the safe side...: 2 wds.
64. Bit of "O Canada" in French: "Car ton bras sait porter _'__ / Il sait porter la croix!"
66. Veronica Tennant or Karen Kain
68. Krispy __ Doughnuts
69. Anger
70. 18-wheelers
71. __ Wrap (Kitchen roll)
72. Call for
73. Petulant

DOWN
1. Thingy
2. Palm used for basketry or thatching
3. Dutch city
4. Pound
5. Put down new tiling
6. Be decisive
7. Break free from the egg
8. May __ (Big time in television ratings)
9. Halifax __ Library
10. Harem room
11. "How You Remind Me" band from Hanna, Alberta
12. Strong work __
13. "SCTV" alum Martin
18. Additional things
22. Allow
25. Wax: French
26. Dental care purchase
27. "I can only __ __ much." (I need assistance!)
28. Diana Ross' son married to Ashlee Simpson
29. In-need-of-work real estate listing
33. Bus station
35. Terminate
37. Hillside in Scotland
38. Yin and __
41. Variety
42. Necessitate
45. Canadian contralto legend Ms. Forrester
49. Entrepreneur's deg.
50. Where Belgrade is the capital
52. Mr. Borgnine
54. Inners of eggs
55. Music for #45-Down
56. Department store chain
57. Loose rock at a cliff's base
61. Focuses
62. Dither
63. Simple
65. __ Savahl (Couture brand)
67. Albanian currency

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is one of the best times of the year for getting things done. Even the smallest effort on your part will yield remarkable results over the next three or four days, so go for it!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You must be decisive today. You must draw up a plan and follow it through to completion. Deal firmly with those who get in your way. Be ruthless if you have to — there's a lot at stake.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Wherever you go and whatever you do Lady Luck will smile on you today. But don't use that as an excuse to go places or do things that put you at some sort of risk. You may be lucky but you are not invincible.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The whole world could be against you today and you won't care a bit: in fact you will enjoy being the odd one out. You are looking for a challenge, the kind that no one expects you to win. Watch their faces when you succeed!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Anything is possible and according to the planets there is one thing you want above all else at the moment. Jupiter in your sign endows you with huge self-belief, so success is all but guaranteed.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have to tell someone you like something that you know is going to hurt their feelings. Get it over with quickly. One day they will thank you for being so honest.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Whatever challenges come your way today you will deal with them with ease. This is one of those occasions when you need to be pushed to your limits and beyond. And what a Libra needs a Libra gets.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try to be a bit more assertive today. Let people in positions of power know that you are not the sort of person they can kick around. You don't have to be rude but you do have to stand up for yourself.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Jupiter in the sympathetic sign of Leo means you will make your own decisions and take whatever risks you think are necessary. You won't doubt for a moment that you are doing the right thing. And you are.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It does not matter that others say something cannot be done — if you want it enough you will find a way to get it. Stop worrying and start looking ahead and planning where you are going to be.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
With Jupiter moving through the partnership area of your chart you need only click your fingers for others to come running. Make the most of it — it won't last.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You will get through so much work today that some people may wonder aloud if you are on some kind of stimulant! You're not, of course, but you are certainly in one of those moods when you feel almost superhuman. Up, up and away!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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